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HOPEDALE.

It seems proper in this first annual report of the doings of the officers of the town of Hopedale, to incorporate therein a brief statement of the facts connected with the establishment of the new municipality.

The village from which our town takes its name, had a peculiar origin. In 1842 under the lead of the Rev. Adin Ballou, an organization known as the Hopedale community purchased what was then known as the Jones farm, upon which most of the village of Hopedale now stands. Within a few years they built up a village of fifty dwellings besides mills, shops and other conveniences, multiplied their population to 300 and enlarged their domain to an area of about 600 acres.

Their object was to establish a fraternal community which should avoid the vices of society as far as possible, educate the rising generation properly, and establish, if they could, a better system of industry for themselves.

This community as an industrial organization failed to meet with lasting success, but the fact of its existence here, with the further fact that a large number of its original members and their families still reside here, has given the village rather a peculiar character as compared with the population of most manufacturing towns. Among other peculiarities there has never been in the village a place where intoxicating liquors could be purchased, and it is hoped by us that this peculiarity may long continue.

As a part of the town of Milford the relations of this section were as a rule harmonious; but it became evident in recent years that, so far as Hopedale was concerned, its needs could be better and more economically supplied if we had a local government of our own, than if we remained as a small part of a large municipality like Milford, with different wants and requirements.

During the spring of the year 1885 a petition was drawn up and signed by nearly all the voters and resident taxpayers of Hopedale, asking that the territory of Milford be divided in accordance with a line stated, and that a part of the town lying west of the said line be established as a new township.

Public meetings were held in the village of Hopedale and in South Milford, and the following committee was chosen to carry out the wishes of the people:

George Draper, Wm. F. Draper, Adin Ballou, Michael Gannon, E. S. Stimpson, F. J. Dutcher, Frank Dewing, A. B. Edmands, E. S.

Adams, C. F. Roper, E. D. Bancroft, A. B. C. Deming, Edwd. Schofield, Frank H. French, Murty O. Connell, S. L. Madden, Lucius Lowell, Geo. W. Knight, Charles Thayer, J. S. Bailey, Charles E. Pierce, Thomas H. Bradley, C. H. Messinger, R. C. Fay, G. L. Tarr, J. S. Chase, Fred E. Smith, W. N. Goddard, Samuel A. Andrew, Timothy Osgood, George O. Hatch, E. M. Wheelock, A. A. Westcott, Sumner A. Dudley, Almon Thwing, Robert Ross, Eben S. Draper, Henry Walker, John A. Peckham, A. W. Ham, John L. Cook, F. S. Hayward, F. D. Montague, I. W. Blanchard, B. H. Knight, H. B. Fisk, J. B. Bancroft, George H. Williams, A. W. Westcott, George A. Draper.

They engaged Hon. S. Z. Bowman, Esq., of Somerville, and N. Sumner Myrick, Esq., of Boston, as counsel, and were more than satisfied with their services. In due season the petition came before a committee of the Legislature, consisting of Messrs. Phillips of Hampden, Gleason of Worcester, and Locke of Essex, of the Senate, and Messrs. Taft of Palmer, Field of Boston, Sampson of Pembroke, Blythe of Wakefield, Jenney of Hyde Park, Allen of Oakham, Woodward of Boston, and Shaw of Lowell, of the House, who reported a bill in favor of the division without a dissenting voice.

On the 12th day of March, 1886, the first vote was taken in the Senate after a long discussion, and the measure was carried, 14 in favor, and 11 against. It was brought up in the House on the 25th day of March, and was again discussed at length, but again carried 118 in favor, and 92 against. Returning to the Senate it was finally passed on the 6th of April by a vote of 18 to 16, and the bill was signed by Gov. George D. Robinson, on the 7th.

The first town meeting was held on the 19th day of April, 1886, and officers were elected, this volume being a report of their doings for the past year.

So far as the results can be judged by a year's experience, it seems evident that both sections of the old town of Milford are better off than before. In both towns the taxes are lower; in both towns there is greater interest in good local government; and in both towns there has been marked increase of material prosperity, while the prospect of growth and continued prosperity was never brighter.

Few citizens of Hopedale, and perhaps few citizens of Milford, would desire to see the division act repealed if it could be done.

With due modesty we think we can say that in Hopedale we have better schools, better roads and better attention to all local wants than we had under the former *regime*, or than we could have expected had it continued. Our relations with our mother town have been pleasant, and we are glad to note that the little asperity caused by friction of the division conflict has substantially passed away.

FRANK DEWING,
Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-six.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Town of Hopedale.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. All that territory now within the town of Milford comprised within the following limits; that is to say, beginning at a point in the Westerly part of Milford, a short distance north of West street, where the Upton line leaves Mill river; thence, following the centre of said river to and across West street to a stone monument half-way between the arch of the culvert over said river; thence, south, thirty-nine degrees five minutes east, about eight thousand four hundred eighty-five feet to a stone monument in a wall dividing the land of Delano Patrick and Frank Kilcline: thence, along said wall south, fifty-eight degrees forty-five minutes east, about three hundred thirty-six feet to a stone monument in the northwesterly line of Freedom street; thence, south, thirty-five degrees fifteen minutes east, about three thousand six hundred twenty-six feet to a stone monument at the corner of Main and Adin streets; thence, south, thirty-three degrees five minutes east, about one thousand two hundred and twelve feet to Green street; thence, continuing on said course about two thousand four hundred fifty-six feet to a stone monument; thence, south, seventy-six degrees thirty minutes east, about eight hundred twenty-five feet to the southeast corner of Howard and South Main streets; thence, continuing in the same course about one thousand six hundred forty

two feet to the centre of Charles river; thence, following the centre of said river in a southerly direction to the town line between Milford and Bellingham; thence, following said town line in a southerly direction to the junction of the towns of Milford, Mendon and Bellingham; thence, following said Mendon line to its junction with Upton; thence, following the Upton line to the point of beginning, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Hopedale; and said town of Hopedale is hereby invested with all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities, and is subject to all the duties, liabilities and requisitions to which other towns are entitled and subjected by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Section 2. The inhabitants and estates within said town of Hopedale, and the owners of said estates, shall be holden to pay all arrears of taxes which have been legally assessed upon them by the town of Milford, and all taxes heretofore assessed and not collected shall be collected and paid to the treasurer of the town of Milford in the same manner as if this act had not been passed; and until the next state valuation the town of Hopedale shall annually, in the month of November, pay to the town of Milford fifteen per cent. of all the state and county taxes that may be assessed upon said town of Milford; and the assessors of the town of Milford shall make return of said valuation and the proportion thereof in the towns of Milford and Hopedale respectively to the secretary of the Commonwealth and to the county commissioners of the county of Worcester.

Section 3. The towns of Milford and Hopedale shall be respectively liable for the support of all persons who now do or shall hereafter stand in need of relief as paupers, whose settlement was gained, whether by original acquisition or derivation, within their respective limits; and the town of Hopedale shall pay annually to the town of Milford such proportion of all costs for the support or relief of those persons who now do or shall hereafter stand in need of relief or support as paupers, and whose settlement by original acquisition or derivation was gained by reason of military service as a part of the quota of the town of Milford, or who cannot be lo-

cated on the site whence their settlement was derived or whereon it was acquired, as the valuation of the town of Hopedale shall bear to that of the town of Milford, according to the last state valuation prior to said relief and support.

Section 4. All suits and proceedings at law or in equity, where the cause of action in favor of or against the town of Milford arose before the passage of this act, shall be instituted and prosecuted or defended by the town of Milford, with the same effect as if this act had not been passed; and the amount recovered in any such suit or proceeding by or against said town of Milford shall be received, or paid, as the case may be, by the town of Milford, and reckoning costs and expenses, including counsel fees, shall be divided between the towns of Milford and Hopedale in the proportion of fifteen per cent. to the town of Hopedale and eighty-five per cent. to the town of Milford.

Section 5. The towns of Milford and Hopedale shall retain and own the corporate property heretofore owned by the town of Milford, which is within their respective limits, or which is commonly used in connection therewith at the time of the passage of this act; and the net public debt of said town of Milford, after deducting all cash assets of and debts due to said town of Milford, shall be divided between the towns of Milford and Hopedale in the proportion of eighty-five per cent. to Milford and fifteen per cent. to Hopedale; and in case the town of Hopedale cannot agree with the town of Milford as to the amount of debt which it is to assume under this section, said amount shall be determined by three commissioners, to be appointed by the superior court for the county of Worcester, upon the application of either town and notice to the other, whose award when accepted by said court shall be binding upon all parties.

Section 6 The town of Hopedale shall, until otherwise provided by law, continue to be a part of the ninth congressional district of the second councillor district, of the second Worcester senatorial district and the second representative district of Worcester county; and the inhabitants of said town of Hopedale shall vote for each of said officers in the town of Hopedale. The selectmen and

clerk of said town of Hopedale in each of said cases shall make returns as if said town had existed at the time of the formation o. said districts. The town of Hopedale shall, until otherwise provided by law, continue to be a part of the judicial district of the third district court of southern Worcester.

Section 7. Any justice of the peace within and for Worcester county, whose residence is in the town of Hopedale, may issue his warrant directed to any inhabitant of said town of Hopedale, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants thereof, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the time and place therein appointed for the purpose of choosing all such officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting; and said warrant shall be served by posting copies thereof, attested by the person to whom the same is directed, in three or more public places in said town of Hopedale, seven days, at least, before such time of meeting. Such justice, or, in his absence, such inhabitant required to notify the meeting, shall preside until the choice of moderator in said town meeting. The selectmen of said town of Milford shall, before said meeting, prepare a list of voters in said town of Hopedale, qualified to vote at said meeting, and shall deliver the same to the person presiding at such meeting before the choice of moderator thereof.

Section 8. Said town of Hopedale shall bear the expense of making the necessary surveys and establishing the lines between the said towns of Milford and Hopedale.

Section 9. The town of Hopedale shall receive from the town of Milford fifteen per cent. of whatever amount may hereafter be refunded to said town of Milford from the Commonwealth or United States to reimburse it for bounties to soldiers, or state aid heretofore paid to soldiers' families, or on any other account, after deducting all reasonable expenses.

Section 10. All rights heretofore secured to existing corporations upon the territory hereby incorporated, shall continue as though this act had not been passed.

Section 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Passed to be Enacted, April 6, 1886.
Approved by the Governor, April 7, 1886.

FIRST

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, s. s.

To Frank Dewing, an inhabitant of the Town of Hopedale, in said County, *Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to an act entitled, "An act to incorporate the town of Hopedale," said act passed to be enacted April 6, 1886, and approved by the Governor, April 7, 1886, and to take effect on its passage, and by authority of Section 7, of said Act, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the vestry of the Hopedale Parish Church, so-called, in said Hopedale, on MONDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF APRIL, current, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE II. To choose all such officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meetings, to serve until the next annual meeting of said town.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in three public places in said town of Hopedale, to wit: At each of the Postoffices in said town, and at the said Hopedale Parish Church, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to me, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under the hand of Wm. F. Draper, a Justice of the Peace within and for Worcester County, whose residence is in the town of Hopedale, this 9th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

WM. F. DRAPER,
Justice of the Peace.

A copy attest.

FRANK DEWING,
An Inhabitant of the Town of Hopedale.

WORCESTER, s. s.
April 10, 1886.

I have served this warrant on the 9th day of April, 1886, by posting up an attested copy of the same at each of the Postoffices and the Hopedale Parish Church, in said Hopedale, as directed in said warrant.

FRANK DEWING,
An Inhabitant of the Town of Hopedale.

LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Clerk.

FRANK DEWING.

Treasurer.

E. D. BANCROFT.

Collector.

E. L. CHICHESTER.

Auditor.

ERNEST M. CAPEN.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health and Highway Surveyors.

J. B. BANCROFT, LEWIS B. GASKILL, ALONZO A. COOK.

Assessors.

ASA A. WESTCOTT, DAVID NELSON, H. B. FISKE.

School Committee.

3 *Years.*—FRANK J. DUTCHER, 2 *Years.*—ANNA M. BANCROFT, 1 *Year.*—ALBERT W. HAM.

Trustees of Library.

3 *Years.*—WM. N. GODDARD, 2 *Years.*—FRANK S. HAYWARD, 1 *Year.*—C. F. ROPER.

Constables.

FRANK GASKILL, WM. N. PHILLIPS, SAMUEL A. ANDREWS, ROBERT ROSS.

Field Drivers.

C. H. MESSINGER, C. F. ROPER.

Fence Viewers.

FRANK S. HAYWARD, FRED MOONEY, E. D. WALKER.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETINGS.

Section 1. The annual town meeting shall be held on the first Monday in March, in each year, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Section 2. Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same in at least four public places in the town, not less than seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

ARTICLE II.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF TOWN MEETINGS.

Section 1. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, except to adjourn the meeting; to lie on the table; the previous question; to commit or amend; to refer or postpone to a day certain; or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are herein named.

Section 2. All motions shall be reduced to writing when required by the Moderator.

Section 3. The duties of the Moderator, not prescribed by statute or the foregoing rules, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in "Cushing's Manual" so far as they are adapted to the condition and powers of the town.

ARTICLE III.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Section 1. The financial year shall begin the first day of January in each year and end the last day of December following.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk, immediately after every town meeting, to furnish the Treasurer a statement of all moneys appropriated by the town at such meeting, and of the purposes for which such moneys were appropriated respectively.

Section 3. All bills contracted in behalf of the town shall be fully detailed and shall be approved as soon as practicable, and no bills shall be held by any board after the end of the fiscal year in which said bills are contracted.

Section 4. The Selectmen and all other Town officers are required in any case when the amount specifically appropriated for any purpose proves inadequate, to cause the matter to be brought before a special meeting of the town, and in no event to incur any expense in excess of the specific appropriations, except in cases where such expenditure may be required by law.

Section 5. All moneys received by any town officer or committee or any person acting for or in behalf of the town, shall upon receipt of the same be paid into the town treasury.

Section 6. All notes authorized by a vote of the town shall be countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen.

Section 7. The compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the town, shall be fixed by a vote of the town.

Section 8. The assessment of all taxes shall be completed and committed to the Collector on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

Section 9. The Collector shall, within ten days after receiving from the Assessors the tax-list, make out and send or deliver to every person, corporation or company of persons named in said tax-list, a tax-bill on which shall be printed the rate of taxation on each thousand dollars and a copy of Sections ten and eleven of this Article.

Section 10. All taxes shall be due and payable on or before the first day of September in each year. In all cases where tax-bills are not paid at the time specified, it shall be the duty of the Collector forthwith to issue a summons to each delinquent; and if such delinquent does not pay the amount of his tax within fourteen days after the issuing of the summons, with twenty cents for the summons, and interest from the time the bill is due, the Collector shall forthwith proceed to collect the amount due, in manner provided by law.

Section 11. All taxes on real estate remaining unpaid on the first day of February in each year, the Collector shall proceed to collect, by sale or otherwise, and shall complete his collections or make sale of such estates on or before the first day of May, following the assessment thereof.

Section 12. The Collector shall daily pay to the Treasurer all moneys received by him.

Section 13. The Treasurer and Collector shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their several duties, in such sums as the Selectmen may require; and with sureties to their satisfaction.

Section 14. There shall be elected at each annual town meeting, by ballot, an Auditor, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office. No person holding any other town office shall be eligible to the office of Auditor. It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine the books and accounts of all officers and committees entrusted with the receipt, custody, or expenditure of money, and all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been, or may be, paid from the treasury. He shall have free access to the said books, accounts, bills and vouchers at all reasonable times, and may make examination thereof as often as he may deem necessary; but shall examine the same at least once a year, and shall annually report, in writing, as to their correctness.

ARTICLE IV.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Section 1. When any suit at law or in equity is instituted against the town, and there is not sufficient time, before action must be taken in the same, to bring the matter before the town, the Selectmen shall have authority to appear in and answer to such suit; but in all cases before the trial or final disposition of the same, a town meeting shall be called to act upon the matter.

Section 2. Whenever it shall be necessary to execute any deed conveying land, or any other instrument required to carry into effect any vote of the town, the same shall be executed by the Treasurer in behalf of the town, unless the town shall vote otherwise.

Section 3. All town officers and the Engineers of the Fire Department shall make their annual reports on or before the first day of February in each year. The annual reports shall contain carefully prepared estimates of the amounts required by the several departments for the ensuing year. The Town Clerk shall cause to be printed in one volume, to be ready for distribution at least ten days before the annual town meeting, the reports of the officers of the various departments of the town, and, when practicable, the reports of all committees appointed by the town.

Section 4. All official letters received, and copies of all letters written, shall be placed on file.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen to annually appraise the property of the town and include such appraisement in their report.

Section 6. The town shall annually elect five Constables. It shall be their duty to see that the By-Laws of the town and the laws of the State are duly observed.

ARTICLE V.

CONCERNING TRUANTS.

Section 1. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in the town, who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the "Lowell Institution for the reception, instruction, employment and reformation of Juvenile Offenders," for confinement, instruction and discipline.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previous to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant, or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor; and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may at his discretion forbear to prosecute, so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the school committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid

the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts and make an annual report thereof to the School Committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

Section 5. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

ARTICLE VI.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

Section 1. Whenever the word "street" or "streets" is mentioned in these By-Laws, it shall be understood as meaning all alleys, lanes, courts, public squares and public places, including sidewalks and gutters, unless the contrary is expressed or the construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent.

Section 2. The Road Commissioners shall have control of the streets and ways of the town.

Section 3. They shall cause the names of the several streets to be shown in convenient places in said streets, and no person shall remove, injure or deface said names.

Section 4. No building shall be removed over a public street without a written permit from the Road Commissioners.

Section 5. No person shall break the ground in any street or public place for any purpose; nor set nor place any fence, post, tree or edgestone, nor alter nor change the position or direction of any fence, post, tree or edgestone; nor swing any door or gate in, upon or over, nor change the grade or width of any street or public way, without the written permit of the Road Commissioners; and such permit shall prescribe the restrictions or limitations under which the same is granted.

Section 6. No person shall leave any wagon, cart or other vehicle, or coal, wood or other articles, in any street and suffer the same to remain over night, without maintaining a sufficient light over or near the same throughout the night,

Section 7. No person shall ride upon any vehicle on any sidewalk in the town.

Section 8. Whenever the practice of coasting on any of the streets in the town has become dangerous to the public safety, the Selectmen shall post notices in conspicuous places on such streets or sidewalks, forbidding all persons to coast upon the same; and no person shall coast thereon after the posting of such notice.

Section 9. No person shall throw stones or other missiles; nor play at base ball or football, nor fly any kites, in any of the streets in the town.

Section 10. Three or more persons shall not stand in a group, or near each other on any sidewalk or street in such a manner as to obstruct or impede free passage, after having been requested by any constable to move on.

Section 11. No person shall pasture any cattle or other animal upon any street in the town, except within the limits of said street adjoining his own premises.

Section 12. No person shall tie or fasten any horse to any ornamental or shade tree in any street in the town, or wrongfully injure or abuse such tree in any other manner.

Section 13. The tenant, and in case there is no tenant, the owner of any building or lot of land bordering on any street where there is a concrete sidewalk shall, within twenty-four hours after the ceasing to fall of any snow, cause the same to be removed therefrom.

Section 14. No person shall post nor paint any advertisement of any nature upon any building, fence, guide-board, rock, tree or other object without the written consent of the Selectmen, in case the object is the property of the town.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. No person in a state of nudity shall bathe in any of the waters of the town between the hours of sunrise and sunset, in places exposed to public view or in the vicinity of any dwelling-house.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any person guilty of a violation of these By-Laws, shall pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence; and all fines so recovered shall be paid into the town treasury.

ARTICLE IX.

These By-Laws shall go into effect upon their approval by the Superior Court, within and for the County of Worcester, or by some justice of said Court, and upon such approval all votes of the town not in accord with these By-Laws shall be repealed.

The votes requiring repeal under Article nine, are as follows:

Voted: That the taxes be collected and paid in on or before September first.

Voted: That our annual town meeting be held the first Monday in March; that all officers that are required by law be voted for on one ballot.

Hopedale, October 14, 1886.

WORCESTER, ss. In the Superior Court, Dec. 6, 1886.

Of the By-Laws adopted by the town of Hopedale on the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1886, the foregoing By-Laws are hereby approved.

By the Court, Attest:

ELLIOTT H. PEABODY,
2d Asst. Clerk.

A copy, Attest:

T. S. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

A true copy, Attest:

FRANK DEWING.
Town Clerk.

BY-LAWS REJECTED BY THE COURT.

The following is that part of the report of the By-Laws Committee adopted by the Town, October 14, 1886, but rejected by the Court. Also printed in italics are suggestions of what would be accepted in place of that rejected.

ARTICLE I.

Section 2. ("for said meeting;") "and by leaving copies of the warrant at the several dwellings of the inhabitants before the day of meeting; provided, however, that meetings may be called, in case of any emergency making it necessary—in the judgment of the Selectmen—by posting copies as aforesaid, at least two days before the day of meeting; and provided, further, that no meeting shall be invalidated by reason of any mistake or omission on the part of the officer serving the warrant, as to leaving copies at every dwelling.

Section 3. Whenever any town meeting shall have been adjourned, the Town Clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of adjournment to be duly posted in at least eight (*four*) public places.

Section 4. In the warrant for the annual town meeting the Selectmen shall specify the manner in which the several officers shall be voted for—whether on one ballot or at the same time on separate ballots."

ARTICLE II.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF TOWN MEETING.

"Section 1. On demand of ten legal voters, the check-list shall be used in voting on any motion or resolution properly before a meeting of the town."

ARTICLE III.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Section 3. "No money except State and County taxes, and interest on the town debt, shall be paid from the town treasury, except upon warrants specifying the appropriation against which the same are drawn (*in all cases where money has been specifically*

appropriated for this purpose), issued upon the Treasurer by the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, Engineers of the Fire Department, School Committee or Trustees of the Public Library; and no warrants shall be drawn except for bills (*debts*) contracted in pursuance of a vote of the town, and unless such bills (*debts*) shall have been certified to as correct by a board of town officers or a committee duly authorized to contract the same. Upon the acceptance or payment by the Treasurer of any warrant drawn as above, he shall at once charge the same to the appropriation upon which it is drawn (*provided the same is specific*), and no order shall be accepted or paid by him (*in such way*) beyond the amount of the appropriation against which the same is drawn, (*provided that this section shall not apply to the payment of any execution against said Town, or of money due by way of compromise or settlement of claims against said town for costs.*)

ARTICLE IV.

Section 5. "The Selectmen shall annually in April appoint three Engineers of the Fire Department."

ARTICLE VI.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

Section 7. (person shall) "ride or drive any horse or other animal on any street at an unreasonable speed (*exceeding eight miles per hour*) so as to inconvenience any person lawfully using such street."

Section 12. (fasten any horse to) "or leave the same standing by." (Shade tree in) "or near." (the town) "so near as to injure any tree."

Section 14. (Written consent) "of the owner or tenant thereof, or."

ARTICLE VII.

"Section 2. No person shall discharge any firearm nor hunt nor fish within the limits of the town on Sunday.

Section 3. No person shall sell within the limits of the town

any toy pistol or toy cannon or any other such article in which explosive compounds are used, or of which such compounds form a part.

Section 4. No person shall use, explode, fire off or discharge in any street in the town, any toy pistol or toy cannon or any other such article in which explosive compounds are used, or of which said compounds form a part."

Attest:

FRANK DEWING, *Town Clerk.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND CITIZENS, TO BE OBSERVED AT FIRES.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF HOPEDALE, FOR PREVENTING AND EXTINGUISHING FIRES.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN, OCT. 14, 1886.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Engineers, upon alarm of fires, to immediately repair to, or near where, the fire may be, and to take proper measures that the several engines and other apparatus be arranged in the most advantageous situation, and duly worked for the effectual extinguishment of the fire; to require and compel assistance from all persons, as well as members of the Fire Department, in extinguishing the fire, removing furniture, goods or other merchandise from any building on fire, or in danger thereof; to appoint guards to secure the same, and also in pulling down or demolishing any house or other building, if occasion requires; and further, to suppress all turmoil and disorder. It shall also be their duty to cause order to be preserved in going to, working at, or returning from fires, and at all other times when companies attached to the Fire Department are on duty.

Section 2. The Chief Engineer shall have the command at fires over all other Engineers, all members of the Fire Department, and all other persons who may be present at fires, and shall direct all proper measures for the extinguishment of the fires, protection of property, preservation of order and observance of the fire laws; provided that no building on fire or in danger thereof, shall be pulled down, blown up or otherwise demolished, without the concurrence of two or more of the Engineers, if present.

Section 3. In case of the absence of the Chief Engineer, the Engineer next in rank who shall be present shall execute the duties of the officer, with full powers.

Section 4. If any member of either of the several companies belonging to the Fire Department, shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform his duty, or shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, disobedience to the officers, or to any Engineer, he may, for such offence, be discharged from the Fire Department, and shall be liable to a fine of not less than two, or more than ten, dollars.

Section 5. All persons present, not members of either of the said Companies, are hereby enjoined to obey the directions of any Engineer given at a fire, and to render their services, if required by any Engineer, under a penalty of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars; and it is enjoined upon the Chief Engineer to prosecute all violations of this section.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of such of the Constables of the town as may be selected by the Engineers for that service, to repair on the alarm of fire immediately to the place where the fire may be, and there to use their best skill and power, under the direction of the Chief Engineer, for the preservation of the public peace, the prevention of theft, destruction of property, and the removal of all suspected persons; for which service the Constable shall receive such compensation as shall in each case be ordered by the Engineers.

Section 7. And it is further ordered that no person shall carry any fire brands, lighted matches, or other ignited materials openly in the streets or thorougfares of the town; and no owner or occupant of any dwelling house, shop, or other buildings, shall maintain, or cause to be erected, any defective chimney, hearth, oven, stove or stovepipe, fire frame or other fixtures, or shall have a deposit of ashes, shavings or other combustible material which may give just cause of alarm, or be the means of kindling or spreading fire, under penalty of not less than two, or more than twenty, dollars.

Section 8. That if any chimney, stovepipe or flue within the

town, where any other buildings are so near as to be endangered therefrom, shall take or be set on fire, the occupant of such house to which such chimney, stovepipe or flue appertains, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars: Provided it shall be lawful for any person to set fire to and burn his chimney or stovepipe between sunrise and noon, if the buildings contiguous are wet with rain or covered with snow.

Section 9. That no person shall discharge or set off any squibs, serpents, rockets, fire crackers, or other fire works, in any place within the town, without leave from an Engineer, under a penalty of not more than twenty dollars.

Section 10. That no person shall make any bonfire, or fire for burning brush, rubbish or any other fire in the open air, in the night time, without leave from an Engineer, under the penalty of not less than two, nor more than twenty, dollars.

Section 11. And it shall be the duty of the Chief and other Engineers to enquire for and examine into all shops, new buildings erecting, or other places, where defective chimneys, flues, stoves or stove-pipe may be, and where shavings or other combustible material may be collected and deposited, and from time to time, and at all times, to be vigilant in taking care of and the removal of the same, whenever in the opinion of any two of them the same may be dangerous to the security of the town from fire; and the owners or occupants of such defective chimneys, flues, stoves or stove-pipe, shavings, or other combustible matter, who shall refuse or neglect to remove the same forthwith, after being ordered thereto by any two Engineers in writing, shall forfeit and pay five dollars for each day afterwards that the same shall remain unremoved.

Section 12. All members of the Fire Department, while on duty at a fire, shall wear such badges as are provided for them, and any member refusing or neglecting to wear the same until the several Companies shall be dismissed at roll call, shall forfeit all pay for his services for three months previous to such refusal or neglect, unless he can furnish an excuse that shall be satisfactory to a majority of the Engineers. A true copy from the Records.

Attest: FRANK DEWING, Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To cash on orders drawn:			By Appropriation	$2000 00
Tools	$ 256	50	Land damage	500 00
Breaking Roads	20	00	W. F. Draper	800 00
Land damage, Inman	325	00	Milford Water Company	21 25
Wm. F. Draper road	800	00	Fire Department	63
Sundries	15	18	Town of Milford	13 50
Milford Water Company	21	25	F. J. Dutcher	34 00
Fire Department		63	Library	3 00
Town of Milford	13	50	Geo. Draper & Sons	553 72
F. J. Dutcher	34	00	Hopedale Machine Company	31 27
Library	3	00	George Draper	25 13
George Draper & Sons	553	72	W. F. Draper	42 46
Hopedale Machine Company	31	27	J. Davenport	2 00
George Draper	25	13	Sundry charges	6 85
W. F. Draper	42	46		
J. Davenport	2	00		
Labor and material on roads and bridges: Hopedale, $1565.40; So. Hopedale, $180.10	1745	50		
Balance to new account	144	67		
	$4033	81		$4033 81
To balance new acct, Highways overdrawn	$30	33	By balance new account, land damage	$175 00

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

TOWN INCIDENTALS in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To orders, viz:		By appropriation	$2000 00
Stationery	$160 50		
Printing	41 50		
So. Hopedale cemetery	19 86		
Insurance	122 50		
Surveying	105 10		
Constables	24 75		
Collector	70 67		
Sundry small accounts	45 53		
Tax rebates	11 05		
Bartlett & Ellis, sundries	252 64		
Legal services	116 00		
Assessors, H. H. Fiske	33 12		
Balance new account	996 78		
	$2000 00		$2000 00
		By balance new account	$996 78

POOR DEPARTMENT in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To orders paid:		By appropriation	$500 00
Town of Warren	$39 05	appropriation Military aid	200 00
Town of Uxbridge	68 81	accounts unpaid to new accounts	127 86
State of Massachusetts	20 00		
Balance new account	700 00		
	$827 86		$827 86
To balance new acct., accounts '86 unpaid		By balance to new account	$700 00
Town of Warren, 1886	$39 05		
Town of Uxbridge, 1886	68 81		
State of Mass., 1886	20 00		

SIDEWALK DEPARTMENT in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To cash on orders, viz:		By appropriation	$500 00
Labor	$449 39	F. J. Dutcher	77 82
Material	282 38	Geo. Draper & Sons	57 48
F. J. Dutcher	77 82	Hopedale Machine Co	27 23
Geo. Draper & Sons	57 48	Geo. Draper	19 25
Hopedale Machine Co	27 23	Amount overdrawn	231 77
Geo. Draper	19 25		
	$913 55		$913 55
To balance new account overdrawn	$231 77		

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

School Department in account E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.

To orders, viz:			By property sold	$2 02
Teachers	$1680	04	Tuition	63 00
Care Houses	116	79	Appropriation	4500 00
Fuel	107	67		
Books	642	11		
Repairs	313	00		
Incidentals	232	46		
Improvements	1243	00		
Town of Milford	197	80		
Transporting scholars	31	25		
Balance new account		90		
				$4565 02
	$4565	02	By balance 1887 account	90

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Books	$405 22	Donation in hands of Town Treasurer as trustee	$1400 92
Insurance	2 00	Young ladies of Hopedale	35 00
Periodicals	82 98	Dog licenses	130 03
Transportation	8 17	Appropriation	300 00
Light and heating	18 68		
Supplies	70 41		
Reading room	221 26		
Salaries	10 00		
Sundries	10 64		
	$829 36		
Balance to new account, trustee fund	$995 70		
Town appropriation	40 89		
	$1865 95		$1865 95
		Balance to new account. Trustee fund	$995 70
		Town appropriation	40 89

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

SUNDRY APPROPRIATIONS in account E. D. BANCROFT, TREASURER.

Water account, orders drawn	$342 87	Water appropriation	$300 00
		Balance, new account	42 87
	$342 87		$342 87
Street Light account, orders	$195 99	Street Light appropriation	$460 00
Balance, new account	204 01		
	$400 00		$400 00
Interest account, orders	$ 58 30	Interest appropriation	$800 00
Balance, new account	741 70		
	$800 00		$800 00
Decoration Day orders	$25 00	Decoration Day	$25 00
Debt balance, new account	$2000 00	Debt appropriation	$2000 00
New balances: account overdrawn, Water	$42 87	New Balances: Lights, new account	$ 204 01
		Interest, "	741 70
		Debt, "	2000 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To Cash on orders, viz:		By appropriation	$500 00
Pay of members	$336 07		
Fuel	13 00		
Water	4 37		
Lights	19 89		
Pails	10 50		
Repairs	2 13		
Freight and carting	3 81		
Ladders	48 25		
Stationery	11 00		
Care of Hose House	20 00		
Balance to new account	30 98		
	$500 00		$500 00
		By balance new account	30 98

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer, in account with Town of Hopedale.

To Collector	$9244 89	By acct. Highway	$3564 14
Corporation Tax on account	4986 89	Land damage, Inman	325 00
Bank tax on account	1637 26	Fire Department	469 02
Borrowed money	5000 00	Poor Department, paid but charged other towns	107 86
Bills payable: note to estate of Mrs. Burlingame, July 9, 1886. Interest at 6 per cent., payable to trustees Hopedale cemetery	50 00	State of Massachusetts	20 00
Account Library, ladies' donation	35 00	Sidewalks	913 55
Account Library, trust fund	1400 92	Schools	4564 12
Account Highway charges	1533 81	Library	829 36
Account Sidewalk charges	181 78	Incidentals	1003 22
Account Library, dog licenses	130 03	Water	342 87
Account Schools	65 02	Street Lights	195 99
		Interest	58 33
		Decoration Day	25 00
		Borrowed Money	5000 00
		Balance new account, 1887	6847 14
	$24,265 60		$24,265 60

New account balance:	
Library trust fund	$995 70
Bills payable, estate Mrs. Burlingame	50 00
Sundry accounts	5801 44
	$6847 14

Summary of Appropriations showing Balances January 1. 1887.

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATIONS	DR. BALANCES		CR. BALANCES
Schools	$4,500		.....	90
Fire Department	500		.....	30 98
Poor	500		Cash $392.14,	500 00
Poor accounts unpaid			Towns of Warren, $39.05, Uxbridge, $68.81	
Military aid	200		.....	200 00
State aid		20 00	Charged State unpaid	
Incidentals	2,000		.....	996 78
Highways	2,000	30 33		
Damages	500		.....	175 00
Sidewalks	500	231 77		
Library	300		.....	40 89
Water	300	42 87		
Street Lights	400		.....	204 01
Interest	800		.....	741 70
Debt	2,000		.....	2000 00
Decoration Day	25			
	$14,525	$324 97		$4890 26

FIRST

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR,

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1886.

E. L. Chichester, Collector.	Dr.	Cr.
To tax committed	$9 587 89	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.		$9,244 89
Discount		179 30
Taxes abated		95 90
Uncollected taxes		67 80
	$9,587 89	$9,587 89

Respectfully submitted,

E L. CHICHESTER, Collector.

FIRST

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Your Selectmen have endeavored to carry out the wishes of the tax payers as far as practicable.

At a town meeting held April 28, the Selectmen were authorized to settle with the town of Milford any matters required by the Act of Incorporation. We have held two meetings with the Selectmen of Milford, and it was the unanimous opinion of your Selectmen that we could not settle with them to your acceptance. We petitioned the Court to appoint Commissioners as provided in the Act of Incorporation, and the second day of February was fixed by the court as the day for their appointment.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

We found the bridge on Main street near the residence of Mr. Samuel Walker to be in such condition that a portion of the walls had to be taken down and rebuilt, at a cost for labor of $138.08. The damage done was caused by the freshet last spring.

The two bridges on Union street have been made wider and newly planked.

A large amount of stone has been taken from the ledge on Adin street, and put where it will be convenient to crush when you macadamize that street.

It was thought best while we had the steam drill at work, to remove the ledge so that no more blasting would be required on that part of the street. By so doing, one house has been built which otherwise would not have been.

SIDEWALKS.

		Dr.	Cr.
By Appropriation, April 28,1886.....			$500 00
To Hopedale Machine Co , lumber.....		$2 38	
Sherman, T. N., street curbing.....		280 00	
Labor		631 17	
By share of curb and setting same.....			
Draper Geo.....	$19 25		
Draper, Geo. & Sons.....	57 48		
Dutcher, F. J.....	77 82		
Hopedale Machine Co.....	27 23—		181 78
Exceeded appropriation caused by extra expense in taking out ledge on Adin st.			231 77
		$913 55	$913 55

HIGHWAYS.

	Dr.	Cr.
By Appropriation, April 28.....		$2,000 00
To American Road M'ch. Co., road scraper	$250 00	
Bartlett & Ellis, sundries.....	47 16	
Boston & Albany R. R. Co., f'g't on street grates.....	2 56	
Clapp, H. W. & Co., 8 street grates....	48 83	
Cook, Alton A., Adin street work.....	1 50	
Dutcher, F. J., bridge timber and gravel	6 20	
Field Bros., rails for bridges.....	3 59	
Fisk, C. C , bridge plank.....	102 32	
Gaskill, Samuel, gravel.....	26 90	
Hall, M. E., gravel.....	9 02	
Hopedale Machine Company, sundries..	5 40	
Mead, J. S., 4 pails, 2 lanterns, nails and washers	2 75	
Milford Granite Company, use of derrick and stone, Main St. bridge.....	16 00	
Milford Water Company, blasting rock, powder, etc.....	75 71	

	Dr.	Cr.
Pickering, A. S., setting street grates..	$9 78	
Rockwood, D. B., stone drag.....	5 00	
Ross, Peter, 8 granite posts, Union street bridge.....	16 00	
Sherman, T. N., bank stone.....	140 00	
Walker, Samuel gravel	15 30	
Labor by department.....	1,755 42	
Labor by sundry parties		
Barrows, E. C., cutting brush.....	24 15	
Cook, Alton A., surveying, etc.....	18 25	
Dutcher Temple Co., repairing tools, etc...	48 68	
Hopedale Machine Co., repairing tools, etc.	13 32	
Hopedale stable, trimming trees.....	15 00	
Milford Water Co., blasting rock, Adin st.	105 30	
Seaver, J. H. extension of Dutcher street..	800 00	
Labor and material furnished various parties.		
By Draper, W. F., extension of Dutcher street and labor.....		842 46
Draper, George, labor.....		25 13
Draper & Sons, George, labor.....		553 72
Dutcher, F. J.....		34 00
Davenport, John, plank.....		2 00
Hopedale Fire Department, labor.....		63
Hopedale Machine Co., labor.. $31 27 Plank.. 1 75—		33 02
Milford Granite Company, labor.....		5 10
Milford Water Company, labor.....		21 25
Town of Milford, plank....		13 50
Town Library, labor.....		3 00
Exceeded appropriation.....		30 33
	$3,564 14	$3,564 14

	Dr.	Cr.
Of the amount expended.....		$3,564 14
There has been paid to the town by various parties for labor and material.....	$733 81	
Extension of Dutcher street, paid by W. F. Draper.....	800 00	
Small tools, road scraper and material on hand, appraised at.....	250 00	1,783 81
Leaving the net amount expended on highways.....		$1,780 33

LAND DAMAGE.

Extension of Dutcher Street.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation, October 14.....		$500 00
To Inman, Mrs. M. M., damage awarded...	$325 00	
Unexpended balance.....	175 00	
	$500 00	$500 00

INCIDENTALS.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation, April 28.....		$2000 00
To assessors: H. B. Fisk, salary	$33 12	
Collector.....	70 67	
Constables: S. A. Andrews.....$20 75 Robert Ross..... 4.00—	24 75	
Cemetery, South Hopedale: Field Bros. lumber ..... $5.41 R. Varnum, do., labor..... 14.45—	19 86	
Insurance, D. A. Westcott, agent.....	122 50	
Legal services, Kent & Dewey.....	116 00	
Printing: Cook & Sons.....$32.50 Billings, G. M..... 9.00—	41 50	
Stationery: Groom & Co., Thos.$87.00 Whiting, Chas. H.... 73.50—	160 50	
Surveying, Alton Cook running boundary line, etc.....	105 10	

		Dr.	Cr.
SUNDRIES:			
Bancroft, J. B., cash paid out.....	$12.80		
Bartlett & Ellis, drain pipe, etc.....	252.64		
Crofton, Geo., cutting stone bound..	10.00		
Dewing, Frank, clerk, cash paid out, express, etc.....	12.15		
Draper & Sons, Geo., telegram.....	.25		
Folger, R., stamp for registrars....	2.75		
Hopedale Machine Company.....	.80		
Knight, Dr. M.W., returning 10 births	2.50		
Hopedale stable, freight.....	1.78		
Power & Co., J. H., steel stamp....	2.50—	$298 17	
Tax Rebates: Henry L. Patrick.....	$9.75		
Julian Shaw.....	1.30—	11 05	
Balance unexpended.....		996 78	
		$2000 00	$2000 00

GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation, April 28.....		$400 00
To Milford Gas Light Co.....	$195 99	
Unexpended balance.....	204 01	
	$400 00	$400 00

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation, April 28		$300 00
To Milford Water Co.....	$342 87	
Exceeded appropriation.....		42 87
	$342 87	$342 87

MEMORIAL DAY.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation, April 28		$25 00
To G. A. R. Post, No. 22	$25 00	
	$25 00	$25 00

MILITARY AID.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation, April 28		$200 00
Balance unexpended	$200 00	
	$200 00	$200 00

STATE AID.

Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts aid rendered Wm. H. Mathews	$20 00

TOWN DEBT.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation, April 28		$2,000 00
Balance unexpended	$2,000 00	
	$2,000 00	$2,000 00

INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation, April 28		$800 00
Balance unexpended	$800 00	
	$800 00	$800 00

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Memorial Day	$ 25 00
Highways	2000 00

Incidentals	$2000 00
Interest on town debt	800 00
Military aid	200 00
Payment of town debt	2000 00
Sidewalks	500 00
Street lights and gas	350 00
Support of poor	300 00
Water for fire purposes	500 00

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY, DEC. 31, 1886.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Schoolhouse, Hopedale street	$5000 00	
Schoolhouse, South Hopedale	700 00	$5700 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

One hose house	$1200 00	
One hose carriage and equipments	300 00	
Nine hundred feet of hose	450 00	
Four ladders and 36 fire pails	30 00	$1980 00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

One road scraper,	
Small tools,	
Three inch plank for bridges	$250 00
Three grates for streets	
Fourteen street lights	140 00
	$8,105 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. BANCROFT, Chairman,
ALONZO A. COOK,
LEWIS B. GASKILL,
} Selectmen.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor have not been called upon to assist any person belonging to the town. You have looked after all such by your private contributions. Let us continue the same.

	Dr.	Cr.
By Appropriation, April 28.....		$500 00
Persons aided belonging to other towns.		
To Brown, Geo. W., town of Uxbridge..	$68 81	
Langley, Joshua O., town of Warren..	39 05	
Unexpended balance.....	392 14	
	$500 00	$500 00

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. BANCROFT, } Overseers
A. A. COOK, } of
L. B. GASKILL, } Poor.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

But one case has been called to the attention of the board. It was attended to at once. We have nothing to recommend at this time. Respectfully submitted.

J. B. BANCROFT, } Board
A. A. COOK, } of
L. B. GASKILL, } Health.

FIRST

REPORT OF FIELD DRIVERS.

During the past year we have taken up and impounded cattle belonging to the following parties:

J. S. Mead, Milford		4
J. B. Bancroft, Hopedale		1
S. Walker,	"	6
J. M. French,	"	1
M. T. Wilbur,	"	1
Thomas Moore,	"	1
Edward Taft, Mendon		4

Respectfully submitted.

C. H. MESSINGER,
C. F. ROPER,
Field Drivers.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1887.

Giving account of property, names of members, number of fires, damage and insurance.

PROPERTY.

One hose house	$1200 00	
One hose carriage and equipments	300 00	
Nine hundred feet of hose	450 00	
Four ladders and 36 fire pails	30 00	
	$1980 00	

Eleven hydrants located as follows:
Six on Hopedale street.
One on Adin street.
One on Main street.
One in yard of Hopedale Machine Company.
One at counting room.
One on Dutcher street, which was located as provided by vote of town, Apr. 28, 1886.

Received of E. D. Bancroft, Treas., for pay of members	$356 07	
Paid members		$252 67
G. S. Arnold, steward		20 00
Poll taxes for members		23 52
Engineers		54 00
Poll taxes for engineers		5 88
		$356 07

Received of E. D. Bancroft, Treas. for incidentals	$112 95	
Gas bills		$19 89
Coal		13 00
R. Varnum, repairing hose house		1 50
Hopedale stable, two teams		2 25
Three dozen fire pails and freight		10 90
Four ladders		25 29
Book for Fire Department		11 00
Milford Water Company		4 37
Highways		63
Hopedale Machine Co., work on ladders		24 12
		$112 95

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount drawn from E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer		$469 02
Paid to members and engineers	$356 07	
Paid for incidentals	112 95	
		$469 02
Unexpended appropriation		30 98
		$500 00
Appropriations for 1886	$500 00	

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

T. J. Coyne, Foreman,
Albert Ross, First Assistant,
F. S. Andrews, Second Asst.,
E. M. Capen, Clerk,
E. L. Chichester, Treasurer.
G. S. Arnold, Steward.

HOSEMEN.

F. A. Mooney,
T. F. Matthews,
G. W. Burgess,
T. F. Burrows,
E. S. Adams,
T. E. Stevens.

ENGINEERS.

C. E. Pierce, Chief, J. B. Bancroft, First Assistant.
A. W. Westcott, Clerk.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

Oct. 22.—Fire at Machine Company Boarding House, about noon. Fire Department responded promptly. Damage $200, covered by insurance. Cause, defect in chimney.

The Board of Engineers would recommend that the town purchase one Hook & Ladder truck, and build out one side of Hose house to receive the same. We think the property outside the centre of the town could be better protected with a well-equipped machine of this kind.

We have our Hose Carriage arranged for horse, so that part of the men could be used to work the truck; so would not think best to increase the number of members.

We would recommend the following appropriations for 1887:

Pay of members and engineers	$500 00
300 feet of hose	300 00
Incidentals	200 00

All of which is respectively submitted.

CHARLES E. PIERCE, Chief Engineer,
J. B. BANCROFT, Assistant Engineer,
A. W. WESTCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Marriage intentions have been recorded for ten couples. Fifteen of the parties were residents of Hopedale; 2 of Milford; 1 of Upton; 1 of Northbridge; 1 of Whitinsville. Age of oldest, 30 years. Age of youngest, 17 years.

Twenty marriages have been recorded. Twenty-nine of the parties were born in Massachusetts; 1 in New Hampshire; 2 in Vermont; 2 in Nova Scotia; 1 in Spain; 1 in Wales; 1 in Pennsylvania; 1 in California; 1 in Wisconsin; 1 in Ireland. Oldest, aged 62 years. Youngest, 17 years. Thirteen of the ceremonies were performed by Rev. Adin Ballou; 2 by Rev. Lewis G. Wilson; 3 by Rev. Jas. T. Canavan of Milford; 1 by Joseph H. Wood of Milford, Justice of the Peace; 1 by Rev. W. S. Jagger of Upton. First marriage of 37; second of 2; fourth of 1.

Fourteen births have been recorded: 8 female. 6 male. Three had fathers of foreign birth; 11 had fathers of American birth; 11 had mothers of American birth; 3 had mothers of foreign birth.

There have been recorded 10 deaths: 7 male, 3 female. Oldest, 89 years, 1 day. Youngest, 3 days. Two under 5 years of age; 1, 20 years; 1, 21 years; 1, 54 years; 1, 68 years; 1, 76 years; 2, 83 years; 1, 89 years, 1 day.

There were 64 dog licenses granted: 54 male, 10 female. For which $145.20 was remitted to the County Treasurer.

FRANK DEWING,
Town Clerk.

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations, 1886.	Recommended Appropriations for 1887.	Amount Expended.	Exceeded Appropriation.	Unexpended Appropriation.
Fire department	$ 500 00	$1,000 00	$ 469 02	.....	$ 30 98
Highways	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,030 33	$ 30 33	.....
Incidentals	2,000 00	2,000 00	1,003 22	.....	996 78
Interest on Town debt	800 00	800 00	58 33	.....	741 67
Land damage, extension of Dutcher St.	500 00	.....	325 00	.....	175 00
Memorial Day	25 00	25 00	25 00	.....	.....
Military aid	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	200 00
Payment town debt	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	.....	2,000 00
Public Library	300 00	540 89	259 11	.....	40 89
Schools	4,500 00	5,200 00	4,499 10	.....	90
Sidewalks	500 00	500 00	731 77	231 77	.....
Street lights and gas	400 00	350 00	195 99	.....	204 01
Support of Poor	500 00	300 00	107 86	.....	392 14
Water for hydrants	300 00	500 00	342 87	42 87	.....
Totals	$14,525 00	$15,415 00	$10,047 60	$304 97	$4,782 37

Amount expended as per table above	$10,047 60
State Aid	20 00
Donations for Books, Library	405 22
Total	$10,472 82

Received :—			Unexpended appropriations	$4,782 37
Taxes collected	$9,244 89		Burlingame estate	50 00
Corporation tax	4,986 89		Balance donation for books	995 70
Bank tax	1,637 26		Cash	891 21
Burlingame estate	50 00		DEBTS DUE THE TOWN.	
Donations to Trustees of Pub. Library, for books	1,400 92		Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$20 00
	$17,319 96		Town of Uxbridge	68 81
Expended as per recapitultation table	10,472 82		Town of Warren	39 05
				127 86
Balance	$6,847 14			$6,847 14

ASSETS.

Town Property :—	
Fire Department	$1980 00
School Buildings	5700 00
Highway Department	250 00
Street Lights	140 00
Debts due the Town	127 86
Cash in hands of Treasurer	6,719 28
	$14,917 14

LIABILITIES.

Undetermined, see Act of Incorporation, Section 5.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Having been chosen at the town meeting held in April, 1886, auditor to examine the accounts and vouchers of all officers disbursing the town's money, I have attended to that duty, and respectfully submit the following report:

I hereby certify that the accounts as presented by the Treasurer have been correctly cast, and that all bills against the town, that have been presented and paid, correspond to the vouchers held by him.

The Tax Collector's accounts have been correctly cast and his collections ought to be satisfactory to all, the amount uncollected being very small.

The Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Board of Engineers and Trustees of the Town Library, have produced vouchers for all payments made by each Board respectively, and their accounts have been correctly cast.

The Assessors' books agree with the Collector's books in the amount of tax committed.

E. M. CAPEN, Auditor.

Hopedale, Feb. 16, 1887.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE,

MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE YEAR

1886.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

	Term expires.
ALBERT W. HAM, Chairman	1887
ANNA M. BANCROFT	1888
FRANK J. DUTCHER, Secretary	1889

TRUANT OFFICERS.

ALBERT W. HAM, FRANK H. FRENCH.

AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES of 12 AND 16.

FRANK J. DUTCHER.

REPORT.

In accordance with the time-honored custom of town governments, the school committee respectfully submit herewith their report for the past year, being the first in the history of the town of Hopedale.

The total footing of orders drawn on the town treasurer as shown by his balance sheet is $4,564 12

Total credit to school department 4,565 02

The items making up these amounts are as follows:

Appropriation by the town	$4,500 00
Tuition from High School scholars	63 00
Books and supplies sold	2 02
	$4,565 02

Teaching. Hopedale, including High School.	$1,427 94
" South Hopedale	252 10
Care and cleaning buildings. Hopedale	96 19
" " " South Hopedale	20 60
Fuel. Hopedale	96 67
" South Hopedale	11 00
Text-books and supplies	642 11
Tuition of scholars at Milford High School	197 80
Conveyance of High School scholars from South Hopedale	31 25
Thos. Groom & Co., copy and record books.	19 50
A. G. Whitcomb, chairs and desk	24 00
F. H. French, repairing clocks	2 00
Geo. S. Perry, brushes, mats, dusters, etc..	20 07

H. L. Patrick, brooms, brushes, mugs, etc.	$2 36
Brigham & Co., rubber stamps.....	50
Bartlett & Ellis, repairing stove, steps, etc.	18 37
W. O. Crosby, set of minerals.....	20 00
R. Varnam, moving desks and small repairs.	14 64
Barstow Stove Co., furnace repairs.....	2 50
Silver, Rogers & Co., maps.....	30 00
Cook & Sons, printing.....	28 00
Hopedale Stable, freight and carting.....	4 03
Milford Water Co., water.....	12 56
Dutcher Temple Co., labor on new tables..	5 54
F. J. Dutcher, stationery, stamps and traveling expenses.....	28 39

Repairs.

Hopedale:	
W. H. Hooker, mouldings, window frames, etc.....	9 45
F. F. Taft and men, grading and stone work	14 00
R. Varnam, windows for attic, flooring attic, repairing ends of building, outhouse, etc.....	30 00
Field Bros., lumber for same.....	10 00
Bartlett & Ellis, nails and hardware.....	5 00
South Hopedale:	
A. S. Pickering, plastering and carpenter work, repairing chimney and pointing wall	140 12
Field Bros., lumber for outhouse, etc.....	21 48
R. Varnam, carpenter work.....	25 78
H. McElwin, blackboards.....	12 70
Bartlett & Ellis, nails and hardware.....	6 27
Eldredge & Beatty, doors and windows....	3 70
Dutcher Temple Co., painting, glazing, etc.	27 00
A. W. Ham, grading.....	4 50
Hopedale Stable, teams.....	3 00

Improvements.

Hopedale:		
Milford Water Co., blasting for pipe and digging	$185 00	
Dutcher Temple Co., sharpening drills	5 10	
Hopedale Stable, teaming	4 50	
C. A. Hoyt, plumbing	200 00	
R. Varnam, carpenter work on partition, cupboards, outhouse, etc	144 30	
A. S. Pickering, plastering and mason work	37 51	
Field Bros., lumber	103 56	
Eldredge & Beattey, doors and sash	13 44	
T. E. Morse, doors	3 50	
Bartlett & Ellis, piping furnace, nails, hardware, etc	48 77	
F. F. Taft and men, labor on vault, and other stone work	25 35	
H. McElwin, blackboards	7 88	
A. G. Whitcomb, desks and furniture	214 30	
F. H. French, clock	12 00	
Hopedale Stable, freight and carting	3 32	
South Hopedale:		
A. W. Ham, cash paid for digging well, pipe and pump	79 25	
Milford Water Co., blasting and labor on well	145 22	
Stone for covering well	10 00	
		$4,564 12
Balance unexpended		.90

Under the town by-laws all accounts are to be made up to the first of January, and we have complied with this requirement.

The appropriation meeting was held so soon after the town election, that we had not had opportunity to thoroughly study the condition of the schools and their wants. The estimates in some directions were not enough to cover the expenses incurred, but as the year was a short one the most needed improvements and repairs

have been made without exceeding the amount credited the department. The South Hopedale building was very badly out of repair and with few facilities for the school work. Water was only to be obtained through the courtesy of neighbors living at quite a distance from the building. A well was located by parties acquainted with the premises, and although some extra expense was incurred by striking a ledge, the job was all the better when completed. Having been dug in a very dry season there is good reason to suppose the supply to be unfailing. From previous inattention to the roof the plastering had become very badly stained, cracked, and in many places loosened. The blackboards were unfit for use. This has been entirely taken off and replastered, and the blackboards so made that they should last as long as the building. The outhouse was so far gone that we were obliged to replace with a new one. At the Hopedale building windows were put in the attic gables and a floor laid wide enough to walk upon when occasion occurs. Considerable work was done on the cornices to close cracks which added to the difficulty in heating the building. Here, too, we had been dependent upon outside sources for water. As the only supply from the water works was on Hopedale street, it necessitated blasting through a very bad ledge. The water is, however, such an advantage that we think all will admit the advisability of securing it for both buildings.

One of the first problems to be solved after the incorporation of Hopedale was that of High School accommodations. The Milford committee agreed to take our scholars for the remainder of the Spring term, but could not say until their meeting in July whether they would continue the arrangement. In case of a negative decision this would have been too late to have begun preparations for a new school to open in September. Further investigation having satisfied all that it would be for the interest of the town and scholars to have a local school, arrangements were at once made to have the building equipped and supplied, ready for the coming term. There were seventeen pupils from Hopedale in the Milford school, but a canvas showed that more would attend our own. The vacant room in north part of school house was parti-

tioned off, giving a room with seating capacity for about thirty scholars, and a recitation room for the assistant. Twenty-five desks were purchased; these were soon insufficient and three more added, making total number twenty-eight, all of which have been occupied. Applications were received from several parties in Mendon and Bellingham to have their children enter our High School. These have been admitted upon the same terms that pupils had been taken from other towns in the Milford High School. In December, it became evident that the attendance of scholars from the south end of the town would be very irregular and probably some be obliged to leave school unless some plan was devised to furnish conveyance. This we have arranged to do through the Winter, and the matter will be submitted to the town for action at the March meeting as to continuing beyond that time; we are satisfied that it has been of decided benefit to the scholars, and that it is a subject that merits attention. A course of study has been prepared which will be found with other statistics at the end of this report.

Vocal music has been added to the branches taught in all the schools. The interest shown by the pupils, and the progress they have made during the few months since it was adopted are alike evidence of the ability of the teacher and of the success of the system. At present charts only are used, but the coming year it will be necessary to purchase an equipment of books.

As yet, no set rules and regulations have been adopted. A part of those handed down from Milford are in operation, but teachers blessed with good sound common-sense will not often be obliged to appeal to formal rules.

The school laws are from time to time revised and amended, and parents should become more familiar with many of them. The following act passed in 1885 is of general interest:

"Chapter sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four is hereby amended, so that it shall read as follows: "The school committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small-pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever or during the period of two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of such sick person, and any person coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to

attend a certificate from the attending physician or Board of Health of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation."

Chapter 47, section 9, of the Revised Statutes, states that "The school committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated to be admitted to or connected with the public schools."

The law in regard to free text books and supplies admits of no evasion and involves a large outlay by the towns. Some of the books will last several years, while others, drawing and writing books for instance, must be replaced often. In view of the fact that we had nothing at all for the High School and that the allowance was very small in the other schools, our expense in this direction has been quite large. It will be much less the coming year. We have also found a scarcity of maps and similar materials for school work. A beginning has been made in this direction, and if a little is added each year the equipment will soon be satisfactory. For the High School, however, there is still opportunity to add in the way of apparatus of all kinds. Donations will be very acceptable, and it is hoped some of our public spirited citizens may render their names immortal by furnishing the means to obtain as good practical aids as are possessed by others.

To Mr. J. B. Renshaw of Hartford, Ct., and to Mr. W. J. Gordon of Cleveland, Ohio, the school is indebted for a fine stellar tellurian, a pair of astronomical maps and a pair of twelve-inch globes; to the Dutcher Temple Co. for moulding tables for geographical work, and to the teachers of the High School for a fine steel engraving.

We have complied with the law, in regard to truants, but there have been few cases of truancy and those not requiring interference by the truant officer.

We have bought a few general reference books, and these, with sample copies of text books furnished by various agents, form the nucleus for a good library for school use.

Of the four teachers in our schools during the spring term, two lived in Milford and were elected to positions in that town, another went to Worcester, leaving but one to return to us in the Fall. The

vacancies were filled by the election of three graduates of the Framingham Normal School. The large number in lower primary room necessitated the appointment of an assistant, making, with the two in the High School, seven teachers in the town. For the High School we secured a graduate of Wellesley College as principal and one of our own residents, a graduate of Greenfield Academy as assistant. We feel assured that all are doing good work and that the expectations of the committee will be realized in their success.

Two years ago the local press was greatly exercised over the addition to our building, whereby we secured an increase of two rooms. And yet we should have occupied all the rooms last term had we not been obliged to use one for the High School. The upper grammar room has three grades with thirty-eight scholars, and the lower primary the same number of grades with sixty-six scholars; both these should be reduced to two grades, thereby avoiding the confusion of two recitations conducted at once, and giving more time to the individual scholars. To obtain this room will involve building an addition to the present structure or erecting a new school house. In many respects the latter will be preferable. It can be built without disturbing the schools. It can be so constructed as to allow for further enlargement when called for. It can be used for the High School at first and upper grammar grades later, should the lower schools need further division. By securing the lot in rear of present building there will be room for this on the corner of Dutcher and Chapel streets, and at the same time provide an ample play ground.

A few scholars living in the extreme northern part of the town have been received in the Milford school, near their homes, and we have taken an equal number of Milford pupils as an offset.

We recommend an appropriation of forty-eight hundred dollars for the coming year, and that a separate appropriation of four hundred dollars be made for use as provided in the acts of 1869, chap. 132:

"Any town in the Commonwealth may raise by taxation or otherwise and appropriate money to be expended by the school committee in their discretion, in providing for the conveyance of pupils to and from the public schools."

COURSE OF STUDY IN HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL.

LATIN—ENGLISH COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term.	Algebra and Arithmetic.	Physiology and Zoology.	Latin.
Second Term.	Algebra and Arithmetic		Latin.
Third Term.	Algebra and Arithmetic.		Latin.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term.	History	Geometry.	Latin and English Literature.
Second Term.	History.	Geometry.	Latin and English Literature.
Third Term.	History.	Natural Philosophy.	Latin and English Literature.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term.	French.	Natural Philosophy.	Latin and English Literature.
Second Term.	French.	Chemistry.	Latin and English Literature.
Third Term.	French.	Chemistry.	Latin and English Literature.

FOURTH YEAR.

First Term.	French.	Geology.	English Literature.
Second Term.	French.	Astronomy.	Civil Government.
Third Term	French.	Botany.	Political Economy.

The English Course is like the above, except that during the first three years the following studies are substituted for Latin.

	First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.
First Term.	Book-keeping.	Rhetoric.	History.
Second Term.	Book-keeping.	Commercial Law.	English Literature.
Third Term.	English Grammar and Composition.	Trigonometry.	English Literature.

The Classical Course takes Greek with the second year, and is varied to meet the requirements of the colleges for which the students are preparing.

A general exercise of about fifteen minutes per day is given through the entire course in arithmetic, geography, spelling and other elementary branches. Also rhetoricals and reviews are required of all pupils.

For the School Committee,

FRANK J. DUTCHER,

Secretary.

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

Fall Term, 1886.	Primary.	Intermediate.	Grammar.	High.	So. Hopedale Ungraded.	Summary.
Total enrollment.	70.	33.	38.	30.	39.	210.
Average number belonging.	61.01	31.	34 63	28.36	31.08	186.08
Average daily attendance.	57.99	29.60	34.14	28.02	27.35	177.10
Per cent. of attendance.	95.05	95.48	98 58	98.80	88.	95.18
Number under 5 years of age.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number between 5 and 8 years of age.	39.	0	0	0	7.	46.
Number between 8 and 14 years of age.	31.	31.	27.	3.	28.	120.
Number between 14 and 15 years of age.	0	0	8.	5.	4.	17.
Number over 15 years of age.	0	2.	3.	22.	0	27.
Total half days absence.	339.	95.	80.	46.	459.	1019.
Number of cases of tardiness.	60.	22.	20.	26.	14.	142.
Number of cases of dismissal.	15.	10.	19.	2.	1.	47.
Number of cases of truancy.	1.	0	1.	0	0	2.
Number of cases of corporal punishment.	0	1.	1.	0	0	2.
Number of visits by committee.	24.	28.	54.	8.	6.	120.
Number of visits by others.	27.	19.	44.	17.	18.	125.

Number of inhabitants in town, as reported by assessors, May 1, 1886 ..... 926.

Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 ..... 188.

Per cent. of children between 5 and 15 in total inhabitants, 20.3

TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

Teachers.	Where Fitted.	Grades.	Salaries.
Marion E. H. Barrows.	Wellesley College.	High.	$700 00.
Lilla J. Bancroft.	Greenfield Academy.	High.	400 00.
Cora A. Rollins.	Lewiston Normal School.	6, 7 and 8.	550 00.
Annie B. Chapman.	Framingham Normal School.	4 and 5.	360 00.
Alice M. Wormwood.	Framingham Normal School.	1, 2 and 3.	396 00.
Anna M. Walker.	Milford High School.	1, 2 and 3.	180 00.
Ada P. Zeigler.	Framingham Normal School.	Mixed.	396 00.
Mrs. J. I. Whitney.		Music.	120 00.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

HOPEDALE, MASS., December 31, 1886.

A. W. HAM, Esq., Chairman of School Committee,

Dear sir:

Since my appointment as truant officer, I have inspected the manufactories in town, and ascertained that they had certificates required by law from minors employed. I have investigated one case of children between the ages of 8 and 14, who were not attending school, and upon explaining the matter the parent complied with the law. I have not been called upon to look up any cases of truancy.

Yours respectfully,

FRANK H. FRENCH,

Truant Officer.

First Annual Report

of the

HOPEDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS,

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1886.

TRUSTEES:

CHARLES F. ROPER, Chairman. Term expires 1887.
FRANK S. HAYWARD. Term expires 1888.
WM. N. GODDARD, Secretary. Term expires 1889.

LIBRARIAN:

WM. N. GODDARD.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN:

ELLEN F. WELCH.

FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE HOPEDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At the first opportunity after the incorporation of Hopedale as a town, its citizens expressed a desire and intention to have a Public Library: and at a caucus for the nomination of the first board of town officers, the Trustees of the Public Library were included. In town meeting the following vote was unanimously passed:

Voted, That the town establish and maintain a Public Library therein for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

That the government of said Public Library be and hereby is vested in three Trustees, who shall be elected at the annual meeting for the choice of town officers in the following manner: One Trustee for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter at each annual meeting, one Trustee to serve for three years. No member of the board of Trustees shall receive any compensation for his services.

The Trustees shall provide suitable rooms for the accommodation and use of said Library, and shall have entire management of its affairs. They may from time to time make such rules and regulations for the use of the Library as they may deem best for carrying out the purposes thereof.

The Trustees shall render to the town annually in the month of February, a report of their proceedings and a statement of the condition of the Library; the number of books added during the year, with an accurate account of all the receipts and expenditures, together with any other information or suggestions which they may deem desirable.

On the first of each month they shall turn over to the town treasurer any moneys they may have received from any source on account of the Library.

The large Sunday School Library of the Hopedale Parish has, indeed, long been a model of excellence as regards selection and administration; but this vote represented, so far as we then knew, the first efforts of Hopedale as a *Community, village or town* to have a Public Library. This statement will, without doubt, sound strange to many, but it must be borne in mind that no member of the board has grown up with the Community.

It was late in the month of December when our attention was called to the fact that Hopedale had previously possessed a library of some extent, but after diligent inquiry we are able to say that, "The library of the Community was commenced on a small scale immediately after our settlement in 1842 with perhaps fifty volumes. We had an organized Department of Education, Arts and Sciences. This always had charge of the library. In 1850 our library contained 423 volumes. This number was annually increased by donations of books and cash subscriptions, till, at the suspension of associated property and industry in 1856, it must have contained 500 volumes, besides many public documents sent us by Senator Charles Sumner and others." These statements are quoted from a letter of the Rev. Adin Ballou in answer to our request for information. In the same letter he further says— "To provide liberally for useful education and mental improvement was a fundamental object of the Hopedale Community."

A library formed with such an object and containing 500 volumes would be a rare collection about which to gather a modern and larger library; and in the limited time since the matter came to our knowledge some progress has been made in ascertaining the whereabouts of the old books.

At the time the Community library was established, the bookplate consisted of a slip of paper about three inches long and three-quarters of an inch wide on which was printed "HOPEDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY" and underneath "No." for numbering. Generally, if not in all cases, this was pasted to the fly leaf, instead of to the cover, of the book. Afterward a book plate of more than average size was used, bearing date April 1, 1849, and headed "The Hopedale Library," with rules for the delivery of books,

fines, etc. Over this last, another has in some cases been inserted with this heading: "Hopedale Mechanics' Association Library" In connection with this library a reading room containing periodicals was at one time maintained. That a catalogue of this library exists in some form cannot be doubted; and the Trustees hope that some one may find a copy and present it for preservation in our new library, which we expect soon to possess, and which will be a most suitable place for the safekeeping of all that may treat in any way of the history of our town.

In a future report we hope to be able to give a complete history of the old library, which having really been a *public* one appears to deserve more than passing notice. Its establishment in 1842 ranks it among the first in point of time, and entitles its founders and supporters to a high degree of commendation, when we remember that a half century ago books were worth more than they are today, were not so easily procured and by those who thirsted for knowledge were more highly prized, even if without cuts or plates. As with many other libraries, not excepting some in our largest cities, so this one was first closed, then stored, next forgotten, and finally lost. It is clearly shown that the Department of Education, Arts and Sciences of the Hopedale Community which established that library did not labor in vain, however, when we consider the constant use of books and periodicals in our town at the present time. Furthermore the voice of the citizens in their first town meeting was unanimous for a public library and liberal appropriation.

Of libraries and book collections not strictly private there are several in Hopedale. We have already mentioned the Sunday School Library which contains about 1100 volumes and is freely and widely circulated. The library of the High and Grammar schools contains about 200 volumes of useful books, excluding text books. The Hopedale Reading Club circulates among sixteen families, twenty periodicals, several of which are duplicated. The Hopedale Magazine Club passes eleven periodicals through nine families; and one other Club subscribes for and circulates about the same number. As showing the need of still larger cir-

culation we are reminded that, in addition, the Chautauqua L. S. Circle has members in the town. The Hopedale Roundabout Club entertains and mutually instructs its thirty members once a fortnight with short papers describing individual experiences in foreign lands, or in examining some historical, scientific or literary subject; and the Hopedale Debating Society find a library indispensable to the adequate discussion of the important questions that regularly come before them.

For the benefit of those who did not receive our circular sent out in June, we reprint here the larger portion of it, * * * "the trustees desire to call the attention of every inhabitant of the town to the importance of the preservation in the library, as a most desirable portion of its collections, of any book, pamphlet, report, circular, newspaper or files of newspapers, or other written or printed matter that may have any reference to the town or its history. Especially desirable are any books that may have been written by any one who ever lived here, or that have reference to any matter concerning the town. Files of papers published in Milford or other places, that are preserved, are valuable. In fact, many scraps that may appear even at this time to be insignificant, may have a value to others, and in any event will increase in value, and may become priceless to those who, in the future, desire to acquaint themselves with the history of Hopedale. A full set of town reports of Milford, for instance, can probably be obtained at this time, and will, as time passes, become very difficult to find.

The trustees will place in safe keeping anything that may be given to the library of the character indicated, or any books, magazines or pamphlets of any kind. There are without doubt many volumes of periodicals, and many books in houses in the town that are of little service where they are and that might be of value to the library.

The trustees will willingly send for any gifts, however small, if notified when they are ready for delivery." To this we now add: *All information that may possibly assist the Trustees in regaining any one of the books once belonging to the Hopedale Library will be gratefully received.*

We meant to make the request for printed matter of any kind every way plain. But there are some who still thoughtlessly estimate the value of a book or paper by its usefulness to themselves, conclude, therefore, that it is not worth sending to the library, and consign it to the tender mercies of the pedler. To such we say that if you *will* sell books and papers, give us an opportunity to make you an offer; but if you think only of getting them out of the way, we ask your careful consideration of this portion of a report of Mr. Justin Winsor, one of the ablest librarians in the world—"The destined value of the meanest printed production can never be anticipated." It is also said that the president of one of the foremost colleges in the United States usually empties his waste basket into *The Library*.

We are glad to be able to say that the interest first expressed in the Library has continued. The "Hopedale Amateurs," an association of young ladies and gentlemen, gave a dramatic entertainment advertising that the proceeds would be given to the Library and realized thirty-five dollars, which was duly paid over. Frequent inquiries had been made of the Trustees about the time when a reading room or library would be ready for use, but no suitable place could be found until Mr. George Draper generously offered us, rent free, the rooms formerly occupied by the Post Office, and on December 27 the rooms were opened for a reading room and reference library.

The following is a list of the periodicals regularly received:

American Agriculturist,
American Machinist,
Bookmart, The
Building,
Century Magazine,
Coöperative Index to Periodicals,
Cotton, Wool and Iron,
Demorest's Monthly Magazine,
Frank Leslie's Ill. Weekly,
Franklin Sentinel,
Harper's Bazar,
Harper's Monthly Magazine,
Harper's Weekly,
Harper's Young People,
Illustrated London News,
Mechanics,
Milford Gazette,
Milford Journal,
Monthly Catalogue of Government Publications,
Official Gazette,
Popular Gardening,
Poultry Monthly,
Power and Transmission,
Publishers' Weekly,
St. Nicholas,
Scientific American,
Scientific American Supplement,
Scribner's Magazine,
Uxbridge Compendium,

Library Notes,	Waverly Magazine,
Literary News,	Woonsocket Patriot,
Library Journal,	Youth's Companion.

And by the liberal contribution of Gen. William F. Draper for that specific purpose, we have been able to furnish the reading room with a valuable reference library.

On the Friday preceding the opening of the rooms to the public, an invitation to inspect them was extended to the different boards of town officers and their friends. A good number were present, and the early circulation of books was made possible by gifts of $500 each, from Mr. Eben S. Draper and Mr. George A. Draper, the amount to be expended for standard works in the various departments of literature.

It is the intention of the Trustees to make all branches of the library accessible at all reasonable times to the inhabitants of the town, and to all others who may desire to use it for reading or reference; and to that end the rooms will be open afternoons from 2 to 5:30, and evenings from 6:30 to 9 o'clock, excepting Sundays and holidays. The number of persons who used the library the first week it was opened, and the only week which this report covers, was sixty-six.

When the circulation of books is commenced we desire and intend to make such arrangements as will secure to the inhabitants in the village of South Hopedale, the privilege of exchanging books at some convenient place, if possible, each day, and certainly several times per week.

The collection of books and pamphlets, donated by Rev. Adin Ballou, contains many curiosities and a large quantity of valuable reading matter and we hope to have it classified and catalogued so that it will be accessible to the public in a short time.

A detailed report of the receipts and expenditures is given on the next page.

FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$300 00	
Dog tax	130 03	
Gift from "Hopedale Amateurs,"	35 00	
		$465 03

EXPENDITURES.

LIGHTING AND HEATING.

Gould & Co., oil	$4 68	
Hopedale Stable, coal	14 00	
		$18 68

PERIODICALS.

L. W. Balcome	$1 50	
Bookmart Publishing Co	1 50	
George Draper & Sons	5 00	
W. N. Goddard	2 25	
J. H. Hickcox	3 83	
Library Bureau	9 20	
H. L. Patrick, Postmaster	47 25	
A. H. Roffe & Co.	8 45	
Sentinel Publishing Co	2 00	
Woonsocket Patriot	2 00	
		$82 98

READING ROOM.

Bartlett & Ellis, hardware	$2 10	
Mrs. Kate Crahan, labor	2 00	
Samuel Dean, labor	61	
Dutcher Temple Co., carpenter work, painting, papering, tables, etc	114 36	
Field Brothers, lumber	21 76	
J. W. Harris, est. of, stove, paper, furniture, etc.	34 61	
Hopedale Machine Co., hinges	35	
H. L. Patrick, utensils, etc	2 92	
A. S. Pickering, whitewashing, plastering, etc.	9 55	

Town of Hopedale, gravel	$3 00	
R. Varnam, carpenter work	2 00	
A. G. Whitcomb, chairs, etc	24 25	
Williams, Page & Co., lantern	3 75	
		$221 26
Ellen F. Welch, salary		$10 00

SUPPLIES.

G. M. Billings, stationery	$4 25	
Cook & Sons, "	2 25	
W. N. Goddard, chart	1 25	
Thos. Groom & Co, account book	11 00	
Library Bureau, account books and stationery	50 22	
H. L. Patrick, sundries	1 44	
		$70 41

TRANSPORTATION.

Bookmart Publishing Co., express	$0 40	
Hopedale Stable, freight and express	7 77	
		$8 17

SUNDRIES.

G. M. Billings, printing	$4 50	
Samuel Dean, labor	3 77	
W. N. Goddard, traveling expenses	2 37	
D. A. Westcott, insurance	2 00	
		$12 64

SUMMARY.

Receipts	$465 03	
Expenditures	424 14	
Unexpended balance		$40 89

BOOK ACCOUNT.

DONATIONS.

William F. Draper	$400 92	
Eben S. Draper	500 00	
George A. Draper	500 00	
		$1,400 92

EXPENDITURES.

Brooklyn Library	$5 55	
Library Bureau	5 00	
Little, Brown & Co	392 67	
		$405 22
Balance		$995 70

No. of volumes in the library Dec. 31, 1886	349
" pamphlets and reports	1,536
" volumes purchased	99
" volumes presented	250
" pamphlets presented	1,536

Also 101 unbound volumes and 162 numbers of periodicals; and 18 bulletins.

We recommend for the expenses of the library, and for binding, an appropriation of $500, and the unexpended balance of $40.89; and such further sum for the purchase of books, as the town shall choose to appropriate.

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM N. GODDARD,
Secretary.

February 14, 1887.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY IN 1886.

	Volumes.	Reports	Pamphlets.	Periodicals.
Ballard, W : R., librarian Fall River Public Library	1			4 bul.
Ballou, Rev. Adin	137	141	1355	101 vols. 144 nos.
Billings, G. M., prop. Milford Gazette				2 nos.
Bradley, T : H	5	3	1	
Boston Public Library	4	4		2 bul.
Brown, J : M., Belmont	1			
Cook & Sons, props. Milford Journal				2 nos.
Cutter, C : A., libr'n, Boston Athenæum	1			1 bul.
Draper, George	1		1	
Draper, George & Sons	26		6	
Dutcher, F. J	1			
Ely, Hon. F. D., Washington, D. C	4			
Fitchburg Public Library	1	1	1	
Foster, W : E., librarian, Providence Public Library	1	1		
Goddard, W : N	3			
Library Bureau, Boston			3	
Montague, F : D	8	8		14 nos.
Moody, H : L., librarian, Malden Public Library	1	7	1	7 bul.
Page, Miss Hannah F., librarian, Newton Free Public Library	1			
Paterson Free Library, Paterson, N. J	1			
Perry, George S., Boston	1		3	
Roper, C : F	1			
Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy	1			4 bul.
Whitcomb, A : G. Boston	50			

Thanks are due to Mr. Frank H. French for the use of a clock, and to Mr. Henry L. Patrick for furnishing the lamps used in the reading room; also to Messrs. Cook & Sons for the Milford Journal, and Mr. G. M. Billings for the Milford Gazette, both of which are sent gratuitously.

FIRST

ASSESSORS' REPORT

OF THE

Polls, Valuation and Taxes of the Town of Hopedale.

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Adams, Charles W....		$2				$2.00
Adams, Edward S....		2				2.00
Adams, Elizabeth.....						
Horse.....	$25					
Carriage.....	20		$45		$ .59	
House, (res.).....	500					
Land, (1 a. at res.).....	750					
Barn	250			1,500	19.50	20.09
Alger, Elmer S.....		2				2.00
Andrews, Edgar.....		2				2.00
Andrews, Frank L....		2				2.00
Andrews, John E.....		2				2.00
Andrews, Samuel A...		2				
Horse.....	25					
Carriage.....	75		100		1.30	3.30
Arnold, Gilbert S.....		2				2.00
Arnold, Niles H.....		2				2.00
Atwood, Amariah T...		2				2.00
Bailey, Jefferson S....		2				
Horse.....	100					
Carriage.....	100		200		2.60	4.60

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Bailey, Joseph.....		$2				$2.00
Ball, Arthur H.....		2				2.00
Ballou, Adin.....		2				
Money at interest.....	$1100		$1100		$14.30	
House, (res.).....	1000					
Land, ½a.....	500					
Land on Dutcher St., 5a.	400			$1,900	24.70	41.00
Bancroft, Eben D.....		2				
Income	1000					
Horse.....	100					
Three carriages.....	350		1450		18.85	
Dwelling house.....	1200					
Land, ½a. at (res.).....	500			1,700	22.10	42.95
Bancroft, Joseph B...		2				
Two horses.....	300					
Three carriages.....	500					
One cow.....	25					
Two swine.....	12		837		10.88	
Dwelling house.....	4000					
Land, 1a. at (res.).....	1200					
Barn.....	1000					
Dwelling house (Harlow)	1200					
Land, ½a.....	500					
Dwelling house (Reed)..	1000					
Land, ¾a.....	700					
Barn.....	100					
Land, 10a. Gay lot.....	450					
Cranberry meadow, 30a..	850					
Darling pasture, 25a....	400			11,400	148.20	161.08
Bancroft, William.....		2				
House.....	1700					
Land, 54r	450					
Allen house.....	1250					
Land ½a.....	500					
Soule house.....	500					
Land ½a.....	200					
Land 10a. rear J. S. Mead	150					
Land on Hopedale St., 2a	400					
Land, 8 Rod road 3a. 112r	125			5,275	68.58	70.58
Barnes, Clarence M...		2				
Cow	25		25		.33	2.33
Barrows, Edmund C...		2				
Cow	35		35		.46	2.46

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Barrows, Mrs. Helen M.						
Dwelling house.....	$650					
Land, 1a.....	150					
Barn.....	175					
Shop.....	25			$1,000	$13.00	$13.00
Barrows, Lewis H.....		$2				2.00
Bates, Julius.....		2				
Horse.....	25		$25		.33	2.33
Beardsell, Arthur W..		2				2.00
Blanchard, Irving W..		2				
Horse.....	50					
Carriage.....	50		100		1.30	
Dwelling house.....	1400					
Barn.....	50					
Land, 7a. at res.....	350					
Land, 2½a. of Phillips...	75			1,875	24.38	27.68
Blood, Theodore W...		2				2.00
Boland, James.....		2				2.00
Bowker, Mrs. Mary D.						
Dwelling house.....	1000					
Land, 1a., 100r.....	200					
Barn.....	100			1,300	16.90	16.90
Boyd, Joseph.....		2				2.00
Boyden, Elias.....		2				2.00
Boyle, Mrs Hannah B.						
Dwelling house.....	1100					
Land, 85r.....	500			1,600	20.80	20.80
Boyle, Hugh F.....		2				2.00
Boyle, Owen.....		2				
Cow.....	30					
Swine.....	5		35		.46	
Dwelling house.....	650					
Barn.....	100					
Land, 3a.....	450			1,200	15.60	18.06
Bradbury, Miss Sarah E						
House.....	1000					
Land, ½a.....	500			1,500	19.50	19.50
Bradley, Thomas H...		2				2.00
Briggs, Benjamin S...		2				2.00
Briggs, James H.....		2				
1 horse.....	100					

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Carriage.....	$75		$175		$2.28	$4.28
Britton, Richard.....		$2				2.00
Broughey, Mary Ann..						
Land on Freedom St.,10a.	500			$500	6.50	6.50
Broughey, Michael....		2				
1 horse.....	70					
2 cows.....	60		130		1.69	3.69
Brown, Eugene E.....		2				2.00
Brown, George W....		2				2.00
Burgess, George M...		2				2.00
Burroughs, Thomas...		2				2.00
Butterfield, Francis B.		2				2.00
Caldicott George W...		2				
Dwelling house.....	1000					
Barn	250					
Land, 100r.....	400			1,650	21.45	23.45
Calena, Bernard.....		2				2.00
Capen, Ernest M.....	.	2				2.00
Chase, John.....		2				2.00
Chepdelaine, Eldrich..		2				
Horse.....	25		25		.33	2.33
Chepdelaine, Joseph..		2				
1 cow.....	20		20		.26	
Dwelling house.....	650					
Land, 3½a.....	300					
Barn	100			1,050	13.65	15.91
Chepdelaine, Peter....						
2 horses.....	50				.65	.65
Chichester, Edward L.		2				2.00
Chilson, Albert G.....		2				
Dwelling house.....	600					
Barn	50					
Land, 1a.....	150		800		10.40	12.40
Chilson, Edgar.....		2				2.00
Claflin, Curtis.....		2				
Dwelling house.....	100					
Barn	25					
Land, 2 a.....	100			225	2.93	4.93

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Clark, Ernest L.....		$2				$2.00
Clark, Walter V.....		2				2.00
Clark, Ransom J.....		2				
1 horse.....	$35					
Cow.....	30		$65		$.85	
Dwelling house.....	750					
Barn.....	250					
Land, 9a.....	350			$1,350	17.55	20.40
Cole, George H.....		2				2.00
Cook, Alonzo A.....		2				
Dwelling house.....	1500					
Barn.....	150					
Land, 54r.....	450			2,100	27.30	29.30
Cook, Alton A.....		2				2.00
Cook, John L.....		2				
1 horse.....	50					
1 cow.....	40					
1 swine.....	6		96		1.25	
Dwelling house.....	650					
Barn.....	150					
Land, 1a.....	150			950	12.35	15.60
Coyne, Thomas J.....		2				2.00
Crowley, David.....		2				2.00
Curley, Thomas J.....		2				2.00
Daley, P. S.....		2				2.00
Damon, Alfred L.....		2				2.00
Darling, Edwin A....		2				2.00
Deming, A. B. C.....		2				2.00
Dennett, Winburn R..		2				2.00
Dewing, Frank.....		2				2.00
Dillon, Mrs. Ellen....						
1 cow.....	25		25		.32	
Dwelling house.....	200					
Land, 5a..... ..	200					
Barn.....	50			450	5.85	6.17
Dillon, Patrick.....		2				2.00
Dillon, Robert.....		2				2.00
Dixon, Walter L.....		2				2.00

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Draper, Eben S.....		$2				
Income.....	$1000					
2 horses.....	500					
Furniture.....	1000					
1 cow.....	60					
4 carriages.....	750		$3,310		$43.03	
Dwelling house.....	6000					
Barn	1200					
Land, 1a., 126r.....	1800			$9,000	117.00	162.03
Draper, George.....		$2				
Stock in trade.....	500					
Foreign stocks.....	35,000					
14 horses, stable.....	1960					
1 cow.....	25					
3 horses, private,.....	800					
Hay scales.....	100					
10 carriages in stable....	1300					
Furniture.....	1000					
6 carriages, Concord buggy and sleighs.....	1600					
Engine & machinery over the river.....	200		42,485		552.30	
1 dwelling house (res.)..	4000					
Land, 1a., 14r. " ..	2000					
1 dwell'g house, old school	950					
Land, 1a., "	600					
Dwelling house, home school.....	1600					
Land, 60r.....	450					
Dwelling house, store and post office.....	1000					
Land, ¼a.....	400					
2 barns & carriage house.	2200					
4 sheds at barn.....	300					
Barn at tannery.....	100					
Old tannery building....	800					
1 dwelling, coachman....	500					
1 dwelling house cor. Freedom & Hopedale sts.	1800					
1 barn of A. Adams.....	100					
1 shed over the river....	50					
5 dwelling houses, Union row.....	4600					
1 dwelling house, Adin st. parsonage	2500					
1 dwelling house, Draper st	1500					

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est Valuation	Tax.	Total Tax.
Wood house.....	$50					
Land, ½a., school house lot.....	300					
Land, 18a., 120r., across river.....	1000					
Land, front of tannery, 54r.....	350					
Land, rear of tannery, 12a.	900					
Peat Meadow, 26a.....	800					
Land, 63½a., wood.....	2000					
Land, ½a., rear Lilly house	50					
Land, 13a., west of pond.	400					
Land, ¼a., Meadow lane.	100					
Land, 11a., 20r., of A. Adams.....	1200					
Land, 44r. on Adin st...	400					
Land, 54r. on Draper st.	450			$33,450	434.85	989.15
Draper, George A....		$2				
Income.....	1000					
1 horse.....	100					
1 carriage.....	200					
Money at interest.....	7000		$8,300		107.90	109.90
Draper, George & Sons						
Stock in trade.....	40,000		40,000		520.00	
Ring shop.....	10,000					
Land, ½a.....	600					
Dw'ing house, Fountain.	1400					
Land, 132r	500					
Woodshed.....	50					
Dwelling, Old Office.....	1000					
Two dwelling houses....	2400					
Two woodsheds.....	75					
Dwelling ho'se, Chapman	1000					
" " Dutcher St	1600					
" " " "	1600					
" " Adin St...	2000					
Dwelling house, cor. Freedom and Dutcher Sts	1800					
Four dwelling houses, Dutcher St.....	4000					
Land, ½a., Dutcher St...	500					
Land ¼a., Chapman house	350					
Land, 1a., Dutcher St...	800					
Land, ½a. Adin St.....	400					
Land, old house lot, ½a..	400			30,475	396.18	916.18

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Draper, James D.....		$2				
One-half dwelling house..	$500					
Land, ¼a.....	300			$800	$10.40	$12.40
Draper, Willliam F...		2				
Money at interest.....	15,000					
Income	3000					
Three horses.....	1000					
Furniture.....	3000					
Four carriages.....	800		$22,800		296.40	
Dwelling house.....	14,000					
Barn	1500					
Land, 3a. 10r.....	2300					
Dwelling house, Briggs..	900			18,700	243.10	541.50
Draper, William F., Jr		2				2.00
Draper, William N....		2				2.00
Dudley & Knight.....						
Stock in trade....	1800					
Machinery.....	1600					
Horse	150		3,550		46.15	46.15
Dudley, Sumner A....		2				2.00
Dutcher, Frank J.....		2				
Income	500					
Two horses.....	200					
Two carriages.....	200		900		11.70	
Dwelling house.....	2500					
Woodhouse.....	50					
Land, 98r. at (res).....	500					
Land, 1a. at Sand Bank.	300			3,350	43.55	57.25
Dutcher, Mrs. Melinda						
1 horse.....	150					
2 carriages.....	200					
Furniture.....	500		850		11.05	
1 dwelling house.....	8000					
1 barn.....	1100					
Hen house.....	100					
Dwelling house, Adin St.	700					
Land, 2a., at res.....	2500					
Land, 15a., 18r., Adin St	700					
Land, 140r., Kenny lot..	500					
Land, wood lot, 9a.,140r.	400					
Land, 2a., Dutcher St...	300			14,300	185.90	196.95
Dutcher Temple Co...						
Engine and machinery...	8000		8,000		104.00	

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Shop and fixtures.....	12,000					
Cox shop.....	150					
Old Ring shop.....	1200					
Dwell'g house, Freedom St	1000					
Boarding house, Dutcher St.....	5500					
Shed.....	25					
Dwelling house, near Adin Ballou.....	1600					
Dwelling house, Scott...	1100					
Land, 3½a., and privilege	3000					
Land, 1a., 16r., boarding house.....	1000					
Land, ½a., Freedom St..	450					
Land, 54r., Hopedale St.	450					
Land, ½a., Ballou, Dutcher St.....	300			$27,775	361.07	465.07
Edmands, Artemas B.		$2				2.00
Edmands, John A....		2				
1 horse.....	200					
1 carriage.....	150		$350		4.55	
Dwelling house.....	900					
Land, 1a.....	700					
Barn	200			1,800	23.40	29.95
Esty, John W.....		2				2.00
Evans, Charles S.....		2				2.00
Fales, Alpha, heirs of.						
Land, 8a., west side S. Main St.....	200					
Land, 38a. on Mellen St.	600					
Land, meadow and wood 5a.....	200			1,000	13.00	13.00
Fales, George T.....		2				2.00
Fales, William E.....		2				
1 horse.....	30					
1 cow..... ...	40		70		.91	
Land, 13a.....	500					
Dwelling house.....	1100					
Barn	200					
Woodshed.....	50			1,850	24.05	26.96
Fay, Frederick L.....		2				2.00

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Fay, Harrison C.....		$2				$2.00
Fay, Lucius N.....		2				2.00
Fay, Rimmon C.....		2				2.00
Fell, Thomas.....		2				2.00
Fisk, Hamblet B.....		2				
Stock in trade.....	$1800					
Two horses.....	175					
Money at interest.....	800					
Carriage.....	75		$2,850		$37.05	
Dwelling house.....	1300					
Land, 18a. at (res).....	900					
Barn.....	300					
Store Building.....	1600					
Shed.....	50			$4,150	53.95	93.00
Fisk, James J.....		2				
R. R. bonds.....	500		500		6.50	
Dwelling house.....	1100					
Barn.....	300					
Land, 6a.....	400			1,800	23.40	31.90
Fitzpatrick, Timothy J.		2				2.00
Fitzpatrick, Daniel....		2				
1 horse	25					
1 cow.....	45					
3 swine.....	18		88		1.14	
Dwelling house.....	450					
Barn	100					
Land, 18a.....	450			1,000	13.00	16.14
Fitzpatrick, John B...		2				2.00
Flannigan, Bridget....						
1 horse.....	40					
7 cows.....	210					
2 swine.....	20					
3 two-years-old heifers..	75					
3 one-year-old heifer.....	36		381		4.96	
Dwelling house.....	500					
Barn	200					
Shed.....	50					
Land, 15a.....	300			1,050	13 65	18.61
Flannigan, James.....		2				2.00
French, Christopher H.		2				2,00
French, Frank H.....		2				2.00

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
French, John M.....		$2				
1 cow.....	$30					
4 horses.....	300					
2 barges and 1 carriage..	525		$855		$11.12	
Dwelling house.....	800					
Barn	150					
Land, ½a.....	400			$1,350	17.55	$30.67
Gaffney, Michael.....		2				
1 horse.....	45					
1 cow.....	20					
1 swine.....	5		70		.91	
Dwelling house.....	300					
Land, 2¼a.....	400			700	9.10	12.01
Gaughagan, Edward..		2				2.00
Gannon, John G.....		2				2.00
Gannon, Michael.....		2				
1 cow.....	30		30		.39	
Dwelling house.....	350					
Barn	50					
Land, 2a.....	200			600	7.80	10.19
Gaskill, Frank.....		2				
2 horses.....	150					
9 cows.....	315					
2 heifers.....	50		515		6.70	8.70
Gaskill, Jesse.....		2				2.00
Gaskill, Lewis B.....		2				
2 horses.....	125					
5 cows.....	175					
3 heifers.....	60		360		4.68	
Dwelling house.....	500					
Barn	600					
Carriage house.....	50					
Land, 85a., at res.....	1800					
Woodland, 25a.....	650			3,600	46.80	53.48
Gaskill, Nahum.....		2				
Dwelling house.....	600					
Barn	200					
Land, 50a., with house..	1200			2,000	26.00	28.00
Gaskill, Richard G....		2				
1 horse.....	75					
4 cows.....	140					
1 heifer.....	25		240		3.12	5.12

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Gaskill, Richard G., Jr.		$2				
1 cow.....	$35		$35		$.46	$2.46
Gaskill, Samuel,.....		2				
Money at interest.....	2000					
3 horses.....	125					
7 cows.....	200					
4 yearling heifers.....	50					
1 heifer, two years old...	25		2,400		31.20	
1 dwelling house (res)...	600					
Barn	300					
Corn barn and shed.....	250					
Dwelling house, Mill St., Wilder.....	650					
Barn	150					
Dwelling house, Warfield	700					
2 barns.....	375					
Corn barn.....	25					
Dwelling house, Darling.	300					
Dwelling house, Fales...	800					
Dwelling house, Geo. Read	300					
3 barns and shed.....	500					
Dwelling house, J. Read.	400					
Barn	50					
Dwelling house, J. Albee.	600					
Barn.....	350					
Carriage house and shed.	75					
Dwelling house of Howard So. Main street.....	700					
Barn and shed.....	450					
Sprout land, 12a., Green st	300					
Land, 25a. Mill St. Wilder	1200					
Plain land, 20a.....	800					
Land, Warfield, 74a.....	1800					
Sprout land, 76a.....	1100					
Land, 1a. Darling house.	100					
Land, 60a. Fales place..	1100					
Land, 70r. at Reed place.	100					
Land, 70r., J. Reed place.	100					
Land, 90a. J. Albee....	2000					
Wood and sprout land, 46a. Plain St.....	1800					
Land of Howard, 4½a., South Main.....	300					
Sprout land, 20a.....	300					
Meadow land, 2½a.....	50					
Land, 110a. at res.....	2350			20,975	272.67	305.87

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Gaskill, Samuel, 2nd..		$2				$2.00
Gifford, Alonzo T....		2				2.00
Gilman, Edward O...		2				2.00
Gilman, Simon G.....		2				2.00
Gilmore, Frank.....		2				
Cow	$50		$50		.65	2.65
Gleason, Edward.....						
Dwelling house.....	700					
Barn and shed.....	200					
Land, 21a. at res.....	630					
Woodland, 5a.....	100			$1,630	21.19	21.19
Goddard, Alfred R...		2				2.00
Goddard, Mrs. Martha						
Dwelling house.....	1200					
Land, 140r.....	200			1,400	18.20	18.20
Goddard, William N..		2				2.00
Goodwin, Lyman O...		2				2.00
Grant, John.....		2				2.00
Graham, John R.....		2				2.00
Green, John.....		2				2.00
Greyson, George.....		2				2.00
Hall, Mrs. Alice.....						
Dwelling house.....	700					
Barn.....	50					
Land, ½ a. with house...	100		850		11.05	11.05
Hall, Edwin C.....		2				2.00
Hall, Merrick, E.....		2				
Carriage	100					
2 Horses.....	200					
Cow	35					
Heifer	20		355		4.62	
Dwelling house.....	650					
Barn.....	350					
Carriage house.....	50					
Land, 16 a. at res.....	900					
Pasture and meadow, 7½ a	188			2,138	27.79	34.41
Ham, Albert W.....		2				
Horse	50					

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2 cows	$70					
Carrriage	60		$180		$2.34	
Dwelling house	500					
Barn	250					
Land, 40½ a	1000			$1,750	22.75	$27.09
Ham, William F		$2				2.00
Hamilton, Robert H		2				2.00
Hamilton, William H		2				2.00
Harris, Asahel H		2				2.00
Harris, Charles S		2				2.00
Hart, Ramie		2				2.00
Hatch, George O		2				
Dwelling house	1200					
Land ½ a	500					
Dwelling house, rear res.	1000			2,700	35.10	37.10
Hayward, Frank S		2				
2 sheep	10					
3 Horses	175					
Cow	35					
Two-year-old heifer	25					
2 swine	16					
Carriage	100		361		4.69	
Dwelling house	500					
Barn	300					
Land, ½ a	100			900	11.70	18.39
Hayward, Samuel P		2				
1 horse	20					
2 cows	60					
Swine	10		90		1.17	
1 dwelling house	1300					
Barn	300					
Land, 7a., 114r., at res.	700					
Sprout land, 3a	75			2,375	30.88	34.05
Hewins, Lemuel F						
Dwelling house	600					
Barn	50					
Land, 2½a	200			850	11.05	11.05
Holbrook, Arthur		2				2.00
Hopedale Machine Co.						
Machinery	1,8000		18000		234.00	

	Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Machine shop			17,000		
Setting up shop			7000		
New brick shop			15,000		
Pattern shop			800		
Old shop over the river			800		
Foundry buildings and fixtures			6500		
Old furnace building			1000		
Annealing house			100		
Main office			6000		
Dry house and lumber shed			300		
1 dwelling house, Water Cure			1400		
Wood shed			25		
1 dwelling house, Sutcliff			800		
Land, ½a			500		
1 dwelling house, Inman			500		
Land, 50r			350		
5 dwelling houses, Hopedale St			6500		
Land, Round House, 1a, 32r			400		
1 dwelling house, Chapman			1050		
Land, 2¼a			350		
1 dwelling house, Lilly			500		
1 wood shed			25		
Land, ½a			200		
1 dwelling house			500		
Land, ½a., Water Cure lot			600		
1 dwelling house, Davis			1000		
Wood shed			50		
Land, ½a			400		
1 dwelling house, Rogers			1000		
2 wood sheds			100		
Foundry store house			1000		
3 coal sheds			300		
1 dwelling house			400		
Land and privilege, 2a., 87r			5500		
1 dwelling house, Fay, Adin St			2500		
Land, ½a			400		
1 dwelling house, Park-					

		Poll Tax.	Total Personal Valuation.	Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
inson	$1000					
1 dwelling house	1000					
Pasture and sprout land, 121a	3875					
1 dwelling house, Tarr	1000					
Land with Rogers, 107r.	350					
1 dwelling house, Tarbox	1000					
1 dwelling house, corner Dutcher & Union Sts	1800					
1 dwelling house, Chase.	650					
Land, ½a	500			$92,025	1196.33	1430.33
Horne, J. W		$2				2.00
Humphrey, William H heirs of						
Dwelling house	1500					
Barn	100					
Land, ½a	500			2,100	27.30	27.30
Johnson, Nathan		2				
Dwelling house	600					
Land, 14a. at res	400					
Land, 2a. near the river.	50			1,050	13.65	15.65
Johnson, Mrs. Sally G. Money at interest			1000		13.00	13.00
Jones, Walter B		2				2.00
Kane, John		2				2.00
Kearnan, John F		2				2.00
Keith, Albert B		2				2.00
Keith, Charles M		2				2.00
Kelly, Clarence R		2				2.00
Kelly, William J		2				2.00
Kiernan, Felix		2				
Horse	40					
Cow	30					
Swine	5		75		.98	
Dwelling house, res	700					
Dwelling house, near res.	350					
Barn near res	200					
Land, 5a	400					
Land, 100r. on Freedom St	300		1950		25.35	28.33

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Kimball, Charles M...		$2				
2 cows.....	$60		$60		.78	
Dwelling house.....	300					
Barn.....	100					
Land, 18a.....	375			$775	10.08	$12.86
Knapp, Orson S.....		2				2.00
Knights, Charles.....		2				
Cow	10		10		.13	
Dwelling house.....	500					
Barn	375					
Wood house.....	25					
Land, 16½a.....	500			1,400	18.20	20.33
Knight, Charles E....		2				
Horse.....	75		75		.98	
Dwelling house.....	500					
Land	100			600	7.80	10.78
Knight, George W....		2				
Dwelling house.....	1500					
Land, 1a., 28 rods.....	700					
Woodland, 15 a.....	250			2,450	31.85	33.85
Knight, Walter E.....		2				
Money at Interest.....	300		300		3.90	
Dwelling house.....	1200					
Land, ½a.....	500			1,700	22.10	28.00
Knight, Westley A....		2				2.00
Knights, William E...		2				2.00
Lachapelle, Louis.....		2				2.00
Langley, John.....		2				2.00
Lewers, Joseph.....						
One half dwelling house.	500					
Land, ¼a.....	300			800	10.40	10.40
Lodge, James F		2				2.00
Loomis, Charles.....		2				2.00
Loomis C. M., heirs of						
Dwelling house.....	300					
Barn.....	25					
Land, 2½a.....	150			475	6.18	6.18
Lovely, Angeline.....						
Dwelling house.....	600					

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Shop	$50					
Land, 1a	150			$800	$10.40	$10.40
Lowell, Lucius L.		$2				2.00
McIntosh, David B		2				2.00
Madden, Fred L.		2				2.00
Madden Sylvester L.		2				
2 horses	125					
1 carriage	25					
6 cows	210					
1 swine	12		$372		4.84	
Dwelling house	250					
2 barns	350					
Land, 65a	1160			1,760	22.88	29.72
Manchester, F. M		2				2.00
Maroney, Cornelius		2				2.00
Maroney, John		2				2 00
Maroney, William		2				
1 horse	100					
1 cow	50					
1 heifer	20					
3 swine	18		188		2.44	
1 dwelling house	475					
1 barn	350					
1 carriage house	25					
Land, 56a	650			1,500	19.50	23.94
Maroney, Wm., Jr.		2				2.00
Mathews, Thomas F.		2				2.00
Mathews, William		2				2.00
McBride, Patrick		2				
1 horse	50					
2 cows	50		100		1.30	
Land at res., 2a	50					
Dwelling house	375					
Barn	125					
Land, south side road, 19a., 65r	350			900	11.70	15.00
McCaffrey, Patrick		2				2.00
McCann, James		2				2.00
McCarty, Daniel		2				2.00
McCullough, Peter E.		2				2.00
Medley, William		2				2.00

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Messinger, Adin A....		$2				$2.00
Messinger, Charles H.		2				2.00
Meyer, Robert.....		2				2.00
Montague, Francis D..		2				2.00
Mooney, Frederick A.		2				2.00
Moore, Francis.....		2				2.00
Moor, John F.....		2				2.00
Moor, John F.....		2				2.00
Moor, Patrick.....		2				
Dwelling house.....	$350					
Barn	25					
Land, 5a.....	400			$775	$10.08	12.08
Moor, Peter.....		2				
1 cow.....	30					
1 swine.....	6		$36		.47	
Dwelling house.....	500					
Barn	50					
Land, 1a.....	200			750	9.75	12.22
Moor, Thomas.....		2				
2 cows.....	70		70		.91	
Dwelling house.....	650					
Land, 4a.....	650			1,300	16.90	19.81
Morey, Frank R.....		2				
1 horse.....	150		150		1.95	3.95
Morey, Frederick P...		2				
Morin, Antoine.....		2				
1 horse.....	125					
1 carriage.....	50		175		2.28	
Blacksmith shop.....	500					
Land, 36r.....	100			600	7.80	12.08
Morin, Henry.....		2				
Horse	125		125		1.63	3.63
Morrin, Joseph H		2				2.00
Morrin, Ellen.....						
Dwelling house.....	400					
Barn.....	200					
Land, 4½a	400			1,000	13.00	13.00

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Nelson, David		2				
2 cows..	$70					
2 heifers	50					
1 ox	76					
2 swine....	12		$208		$2.70	
Dwelling house.....	600					
Barn	200					
Corn barn	50					
Land, 8½a, at res.....	550					
Sprout land, 7½a.....	200		1,600		20.80	$25.50
Nelson, Henry D.....		$2				2.00
Nelson, Newell N....		2				
1 horse.....	50					
2 cows.....	70					
2 heifers	40					
1 ox	76					
1 swine.....	12					
1 carriage	25		273		3.55	
Dwelling house.....	800					
Barn.....	100					
Smoke house.....	25					
Dwelling house, near res.	475					
Land, 6a., 40r.....	400					
Land, 1a., at res.....	200					
Pasture land, 23a.....	700			2,700	35.10	40.65
Nichols, John, heirs of						
Dwelling house.....	500					
Land, 64r	100			600	7.80	7.80
Northrup, James H ...		2				2.00
Norton, Michael		2				2.00
O'Connell, John J....		2				2.00
O'Connell, Murty		2				
1 horse	100					
3 cows.....	90					
1 carriage	50		240		3.12	
Dwelling....	700					
Barn	350					
Land, 58r	300			1,350	17.55	22.67
O'Donnell, Rose.....						
Dwelling house.....	400					
Land, 1½a.....	250			650	8.45	8.45

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Osgood, Edward L....		$2				$2.00
Osgood, Joseph L....		2				2.00
Osgood, Timothy.....		2				2.00
Page, Henry N.....		2				2.00
Paine, Albert H.....		2				2.00
Parkinson, Robert....		2				2.00
Patrick, Delano.....		2				
1 horse.....	$75					
5 cows.....	175					
1 carriage.....	75		$325		$4.23	
Dwelling house.....	800					
Barn	300					
Carriage house.....	150					
Land, 10a., at res.....	1000					
Pasture land, 31½a.....	787			$3,037	39.48	45.71
Patrick, Henry L.....		2				
Stock in trade.....	4500					
Money on deposit.....	2300					
5 horses.....	400					
6 swine.....	60					
3 carriages.....	300		7,560		98.28	
1 dwelling house.....	3500					
Barn	800					
1 dwelling house near res.	500					
1 dwelling house, Burlingame.....	1100					
1 ice house.....	800					
1 dwelling, Freedom St..	1500					
1 dwelling house, Andrews.....	1300					
Barn	50					
Land, 6a., 150r., at res..	2500					
Burlingame house ½a....	500					
Pasture, 37a.....	1110					
Land, 1a., on Freedom St	300					
Land, 100r., at Andrews house.....	500					
Bennett woodland, 30a..	500					
Land, 3a., on Adin St...	2000			16,960	220.48	320,76
Peckham, John A.....		2				
1 horse.....	150					
Carriage.....	100		250		3.25	

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Land, 3¼a.....	$500			$500	$6.50	$11.75
Phillips, John A.....		$2				
1 cow.....	25		$25		.33	2.33
Phillips, Sarah E.....						
Dwelling house.....	150					
Barn	25					
Land, 24a.....	325			500	6.50	6.50
Phillips, William M...		2				2.00
Pierce, Charles E.....		2				2.00
Quinlan, Thomas.....		2				2.00
Remick, Osborn F....		2				
Horse.....	50					
Cow.....	30		80		1.04	3.04
Roberts, James H....		2				2.00
Roberts, Richard W..						
Roper, Charles F.....		2				2.00
Ross, Andrew J.....		2				2.00
Ross, Robert.....		2				2.00
Schofield, Edward....		2				2.00
Schofield, Edward M..		2				2.00
Schofield, George E...		2				2.00
Scott, Clarence.....		2				2.00
Scriven, Edward A...		2				2.00
Shaw, Julian.....		2				
Dwelling house.....	1600					
Land, ½a.....	400			2,000	26.00	28.00
Sheldon, George P....		2				2.00
Smith, Charles A.....		2				2.00
Smith, Edward B.....		2				2.00
Smith, Fred E.....		2				
Dwelling house.....	850					
Dwelling house, near res.	700					
Land, 53r.....	450			2,000	26.00	28.00
Smith, S. E.....		2				2.00
Smith, Thomas W. D.		2				2.00

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Stafford, Edward B...		$2				$2.00
Stanyan, Edward M...		2				2.00
Stanyan, Frank H....		2				2.00
Stanyan, John M.....		2				2.00
Steele, Charles F.....		2				2.00
Steere, Israel H. S....		2				2.00
Stevens, Thaddeus E..		2				2.00
Stimpson, Edward S..		2				
Dwelling house.....	$1350					
Land, ½a.....	450			$1,800	$23.40	25.40
Stimpson, William D..		2				2.00
Tarbox, Levander N..		2				2.00
Tarr, Gardner L.....		2				
Horse.....	50					
Carriage.....	150		$200		2.60	4.60
Thayer, Charles M....		2				
Horse.....	150		150		1.95	3.95
Thompson. Harriet G.						
Dwelling house.....	600					
Land, 60r.....	200		800		10.40	10.40
Thurston, Amos.....		2				2.00
Thurston, Frank B...		2				2.00
Thwing, Almon		2				
Dwelling house.....	800					
Barn	150					
Land, ½a.....	500			1,450	18.85	20.85
Varnum, Ralph.....		2				2.00
Vonkamecke, Thos. T.		2				2.00
Walker, Arthur F.....		2				2.00
Walker, Edson D.....		2				
Dwelling	350					
Barn.....	50					
Land, 22a	300			700	9.10	11.10
Walker, Geo. W.....		2				2.00
Walker, Henry.....		2				
Dwelling house.....	1000					
Land, 120r.....	500			1,500	19.50	21.50

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Walker, Samuel.....		$2				
Cash	$250					
3 horses.....	400					
3 carriages.....	500					
5 cows.....	115					
Furniture and pictures...	750		$2,015	$26.20		
Dwelling house, res....12,000						
2 barns and shed.....	1500					
Dwelling house.....	150					
Dwelling house, green...	400					
Dwelling house, sq. roof.	2000					
Dwelling house, w. of res	600					
Dwelling house, school..	1800					
Store building.....	1900					
Dwelling, near store.....	900					
Shed at store.....	50					
Wood shed	50					
Shed, near res.....	100					
Dwelling house,near store Hopedale street.....	900					
Grist mill and shop.....	1600					
Hoop shop	250					
Dwelling, at mill.....	400					
2 sheds.....	50					
Land, 22a., at res	2000					
Land, 70a., south of road	1750					
Land, 50a., of Draper...	1200					
Land, green house, ½a..	100					
Land, 60r., at sq. roof house	150					
Land, ½a., at small house	100					
Land, 8a., at School house.....	700					
Land, at store, ¼a.....	400					
Land, near store, 60r., Hopedale street....	400					
Land and privilege,at mill 2a	1100					
Land of A.A. Taft, 13a. 137r	400					
Land, near store, 48r....	250			$32,200	431.60	459.80
Ward, Herbert E.....		2				2.00
Ward, Hiram.....		2				2 00
Warfield,Avilla,heirs of						

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Warfield, Avilla, heirs of						
Dwelling house.....	$450					
Barn	100					
Land, 5a.....	200			$750	$9.75	$9.75
Warfield, David L....		$2				
Pasture land, 8½a.....	170			170	2.21	4.21
Warfield, James M...		2				
1 cow.....	20		$20		.26	
Dwelling house.....	700					
Barn	200					
Pasture land, 8½a.....	170					
Land, 5a., at res.....	250			1,320	17.16	19.42
Warfield, William W..		2				
Dwelling house.....	800					
Barn	100					
Land, 111½r	300			1,200	15.60	17.60
Waterhouse, Charles A		2				2.00
Westcott, Asa A.....		2				
Stock in trade.....	2600					
On deposit.....	3200					
Machinery....	5000					
2 horses.....	300					
3 carriages.....	375		11,475		149.18	
Dwelling house, res.....	4000					
Barn	700					
Barn and shed.....	200					
Spindle shop and wheel..	4000					
Dwelling, boarding house.	1000					
Dwelling, Mill St.....	500					
Thayer house, Green St.	1275					
Land at res., 148r.....	1000					
Dwelling, Green St.....	1600					
Wood house.....	25					
Land and privilege, 2a..	1600					
Land at Mill St., ¼a....-	100					
Land at Green St., ½a...	200					
Land of Augustus, ¼a...	100					
Land, with board'g house, ½a.....	200			16,500	214.50	365.68
Westcott, Augustus W.		2				
One yoke of oxen.....	155					
Horse.....	150					
Three cows.....	90					
Heifer	25					
Two swine.....	18		438		5.69	

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Dwelling, res	$2500					
Barn	750					
Woodhouse	25					
Land at res. 41a. 120r.	1100					
Dwelling house, Green St.	1600					
Barn	100					
Land, 6½a. North road with barn	325					
Sprout land, 10a.	225			$6,625	$86.13	$93.82
Westcott, David A.		$2				
Dwelling house	1000					
Land, 54r.	400			1,400	18.20	20.20
Westcott, Wilmarth A.		2				
Horse	150					
Cow	30		$180		2.34	
Dwelling house	2500					
Barn	400					
Land, 4a.	300			3,200	41.60	45.94
Wheelock, Edwin M.		2				2.00
Whiting, Perry		2				2.00
Whitney, Charles L.		2				2.00
Whitney, George		2				2.00
Whipple, Mrs. Sally						
Dwelling house	650					
Barn	50					
Land, ¾a.	650			1,350	17.55	17.55
Wilber, David L.		2				2.00
Wilbur, Mellen T		2				2.00
Horse	50					
Cow	30					
Swine	6					
Two carriages	125		211		2.74	
Dwelling house	1150					
Barn	250					
Land, 4a. 15r.	800			2,200	28.60	33.34
Wilder, William R.		2				
Cow	30					
Heifer	25					
Swine	12		67		.87	2.87
Wiliard, George		2				2.00
Williams, George H.		2				2.00
Wilson, Lewis G.		2				2.00

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Woodburn, James....		$2				$2.00
Young, Mrs. Louisa..						
Dwelling house.....	$900					
Barn	150					
Land, 1a	300			$1,350	$17.55	17.55
Young, Origen B.....		2				
Horse.....	100					
Carriage.....	15		$115		1.50	3.50

NON-RESIDENTS.

		Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Adams, Abner H., Milford.....				
Dwelling house.....	$400			
Barn.....	300			
Dwelling, plastered house.....	800			
Shed..	50			
Land, 25a.....	2850			
Land, 9a., at plastered house.....	1400			
Land, 13a, north of Adin street....	700	$6,500	$84.50	$84.50
Ahern, David, Milford.....				
14a woodland, Freedom St.....	400	400	5.20	5.20
Barrows, Mrs. Eveline M., Mendon,				
Woodland, 20½a....	700	700	9.10	9.10
Brown, ——, Milford.....				
Madden land, 9½a.....	100	100	1.30	1.30
Chapin, Chas. F., Milford.....				
Land, 25¼a., on Green street.....	900	900	11.70	11.70

		Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Chapin, D. G. & E., Milford.....				
Land and privilege, 5a.....	$300	$300	$3.90	$3.90
Cleveland, Ira, heirs of, Milford..				
Meadow land, 2a....	35	35	.46	.46
Coffey, Bridget, Milford.....				
7a. land on Green St.....	500	500	6.50	6.50
Colburn, Frances E., Milford.....				
9a. land on Adin St	1000	1,000	13.00	13.00
Cook, Lloyd H., Milford.....				
2½a. land on Adin St.....	300	300	3.90	3.90
Cook, Levi A., Milford.....				
11a. land on Mellen St.....	220	220	2.86	2.86
Cook, Orrin C., Milford.....				
11a. land on Green St.....	500	500	6.50	6.50
Curley, Patrick, heirs of, Milford..				
Land, ¾a.....	15	15	.20	.20
Daniels, Christopher, heirs of, Mendon.....				
Woodland, 41a.....	3000			
Woodland, 2½a.....	100	3,100	40.30	40.30
Daniels, Obed, heirs of, Milford..				
Land, 18½a., Green and Main Sts...	1075	1,075	13.98	13.98
Davenport, Seth T., heirs of, Mendon				
Woodland, 37a.....	600	600	7.80	7.80
Day, Charles S. W. Milford.....				
Pasture land, 6a. on Freedom St....	400	400	5.20	5.20
Dudley, Silas, devisees of, Mendon				
Woodland, 12a.....	700	700	9.10	9.10
Gaskill, Albert W., Mendon				
Woodland, 5a.....	250			
Wood and pasture, 70a.....	1000	1,250	16.25	16.25
Gaskill, Mecajah C., Mendon				
Wood and sprout land, 28a.....	700	700	9.10	9.10
George, Julius A., Mendon.....				
Woodland, 20a., 60r.....	1300	1,300	16.90	16.90
Gillon, John, Milford.....				
1¾a. land, N. Freedom St.....	120	120	1.56	1.56

		Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Tota Tax
Goldthwait, Stephen, heirs of, Uxbridge				
Sprout land, 8½a	$200	$200	$2.60	$2.60
Gould, Willis, Mendon				
Sprout land, 5a	100	100	1.30	1.30
Harris, Helen E., Milford				
Dwelling house, Green St	700			
Land, ½a	200	900	11.70	11.70
Hayward, Mrs. John R., Mendon				
Woodland, 20½a	700	700	9.10	9.10
Hayward, Love and daughter, Milford				
Woodland, 18a	600	600	7.80	7.80
Hibernians, A. O., Milford				
Building in grove	150			
Land, 6a., grove	500	650	8.45	8.45
Hill, Reuben, Mendon				
Dwelling house	600			
Land, 1a	300	900	11.70	11.70
Holbrook, Nathan H., Upton				
Wood and sprout land, 25a	365			
Woodland, 5a	200	565	7.35	7.35
Holman, Selina, Boston				
Dwelling house	1250			
Barn	100			
Land, 1½a	250	1,600	20.80	20.80
Hopkins, James C., Prov., R. I.				
Dwelling house	1200			
Barn	300			
Land, 2a	550	2,050	26.65	26.65
Howard, Hollis, Milford				
Wood and sprout land, 6a	100	100	1.30	1.30
Inman, Mrs. Melissa M., Milford				
Tillage land, 35 a	1050			
Sprout land, 22a	264	1,314	17.08	17.08
Johnson, Daniel, Milford				
Blacksmith shop	400			
Land, 1a	400	800	10.40	10.40

		Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Kirby, Maurice, heirs of, Milford.				
Land, 1a	$18	$18	$ .23	$ .23
Knight, Benjamin, No. Bellingham.				
Dwelling house	700			
Woodhouse	25			
Land, 7a. at house	425			
Land of Angell, 15a	375	1,525	19.83	19.83
Lowery, Mrs. Rosana, Milford				
Pasture and sprout land, 5½a	100	100	1.30	1.30
Mead, Edward B., Milford				
Slaughter house	200			
Land, 3a. with slaughter house	300	500	6.50	6.50
Mead, John S., Milford				
Land, 32a. on Upton road	960			
Land, 10a. at res	400	1,360	17.68	17.68
Miner, Edward, Boston				
Land, 1a. Freedom street	150	150	1.95	1.95
Nealon, Patrick, Milford				
Pasture land, 2a. 150r	150	150	1.95	1.95
Nelson, Otis T., Milford				
Pasture land, 10½a	336			
Sprout land, 8½a	100	436	5.67	5.67
Nichols, William, Milford				
Land, 2a. on Adin street	500	500	6.50	6.50
O'Brien, Thomas, Milford				
Barn	150			
Land at res. 15¾a	500	650	8.45	8.45
Prescott, Chas. B., Pittsfield, N.H.				
Dwelling house	900			
Barn	50			
Land, 50r	400	1,350	17.55	17.55
Provident Institution for Savings, Worcester				
Sprout land, 10a	150			
Sprout land, 4a	120	270	3.51	3.51

		Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Rooke & Haynes, Framingham...				
Wood land, 87a. of Chester Walker.	$2100	$2,100	$27.30	$27.30
Rounds, Alonzon C., Milford....				
Dwelling house.....	200			
Land, 1½a.....	200	400	5.20	5.20
Sadler, Carrie V., Milford.....				
Woodland, 12a.....	200	200	2.60	2.60
Spofford, Adoniram J., Mendon..				
Dwelling house.....	1100			
Barn	400			
Land, ½a.....	450	1,950	25.35	25.35
Swift, Michael, Milford.....				
Land, ¼a.....	15	15	.20	.20
Taft, Amariah A., Milford.....				
Land, 11a.....	275	275	3.58	3.58
Taft, Edwin B., Milford.....				
Land, 15a. on Upton road.....	350	350	4.55	4.55
Taft, Putnam W., Mendon.....				
Dwelling house.....	1100			
Land, 4a.....	600			
Barn.....	300	2,000	26.00	26.00
Thayer, Charles, Millville.....				
Dwelling house.....	700			
Barn	200			
Land, 95r.....	500			
Woodland, 10a.....	250	1,650	21.45	21.45
Thayer, Horatio, Bellingham.....				
Dwelling house.....	1300			
Land, 54r.....	450	1,750	22.75	22.75
Tiernan, Martin, Milford.....				
Land, 1a.....	45	45	.59	.59
Unwin, George, Woonsocket.....				
Dwelling house.....	500			
Barn	200			
Land, 16a.....	500			
Sprout land, 4a.....	100	1,300	16.90	16.90
Usher, John, Milford.....				
Land, 3a. on Upton road.....	120	120	1.56	1.56

		Total Real Est. Valuation.	Tax.	Total Tax.
Watson, Sarah H., Providence, R.I.				
Land, ½a	$350	$350	$4.55	$4.55
Williams, Frank E., Mendon				
Woodland, 11a	200			
Sprout land, 1½a	25	225	2.93	2.93
Williams, Gustavus B., Mendon				
Land, 10a	200	200	2.60	2.60

SUMMARY.

Total Valuation of Real Estate		$506,548 00
Total Valuation of Personal Estate		$189,081 00
Total Valuation		$695,629 00
Tax rate per $1000		$13 00
Total number of polls		270
Tax on each poll		$2 00
Number of inhabitants		926
Number of tax-payers		356
Number of persons paying tax on property		177
Number of persons paying poll tax only		179
Number of horses		98
Number of cows		99
Number of Neat Cattle other than cows:—		
Heifers	26	
Oxen	4	
Sheep	2	32
Amount of tax committed for collection		$9573 34
In addition 5 polls overlooked		$10 00
Mrs. Sarah Watson's tax assessed since the warrant was submitted		$4 55
Total tax committed for collection		* $9,587 89

ABATEMENTS.

Brown, Geo. W., inability to pay	$2 00
Claflin, Curtis, inability to pay	2 00
Hewins, Lemuel, inability to pay	11 05

Lewers, Joseph, inability to pay	$10 40
Lovely, Angeline, inability to pay	10 40
Nichols, heirs of John, inability to pay	7 80
Thompson, Harriet G., inability to pay	10 40
Kirby, heirs of Maurice	23
Dillon, Mrs. Ellen, widow	6 17
O'Donnell, Rose, widow	8 45
Fay, Harrison C., not of age	2 00
Goodwin, Lyman O., paid in Ware	2 00
Holbrook, Arthur, not in town	2 00
Horne, J. W., not in town	2 00
Johnson, Mrs. Sally, claims residence in Milford	13 00
Mathews, William, not a resident	2 00
Page, Henry N., not in town	2 00
Stanyan, Frank H., not a resident	2 00
Total amount abated	* $95 90

REBATED.

Patrick, Henry L., mistake in valuation	$9 75
Shaw, Julien, mistake in valuation	1 30
Total amount rebated	† $11 05

* See Collector's Report. † See Town Incidentals.

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